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## Council set for U-turn on tourist site in Pantiles

By Jenna Pudelek

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A VOTE by councillors to return the tourist information centre to the Pantiles this winter has been welcomed as a triumph of common sense by traders.

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council moved the award-winning service to the Gateway between October 2010 and April this year as part of a pilot designed to cut costs.

But a damning report, presented to the economy and governance committee on Tuesday, found there had been a 71 per cent drop in overall footfall. In addition, customers had found the change confusing and said it did not meet their needs.

The move had caused staff a "significant level of stress and frustration" and Tourism South East said the pilot could jeopardise the town's inclusion in the region's network of TICs, the council's report stated.

Members of the committee recommended that the TIC remained on the Pantiles during winter for six days a week, from Tuesday to Sunday.

Richard Simm, chair of the Association of Pantiles Traders, said: "We are really pleased that they've seen sense and having been at the meeting I was really encouraged that most of the councillors did seem to really be on the side of common sense."

Traders had been furious at the council's decision to move the TIC from its location in the Old Fish Market and had feared it would be "another nail in the coffin" for the struggling parade.

Mr Simm said: "What has been noticeable is that lots of people have been coming up to the TIC, seeing the doors are closed, and are appalled that it is there but not open."

"It is embarrassing really - we have people whose first impression of Tunbridge Wells is a closed door."

Vice chair of the committee, David Neve, leader of the opposition Liberal Democrats on the council, said the council had been hoping to save £44,000 in the move.

He said: "This is a complete U-turn. They've lost tourism money, there had

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### EDUCATION

#### School appeal panel blasted

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#### Shop loyalty card launched

A REWARD card for independent shops in Tunbridge Wells has been launched - in a bid to help smaller retailers battle against the commercial might of the chain stores.

The card costs £9.99 and gives discounts in more than 40 local shops of up to 50 per cent. **PAGE 3**

### FESTIVAL

#### Prince reigns at Hop Farm

HE came, he saw, he conquered. Prince was king of the fourth Hop Farm Festival last weekend with a scintillating set rounding off a hugely successful and well received event. Other stand out performances came from Morrissey and Iggy & The Stooges. Review and photos inside. **PAGE 10**

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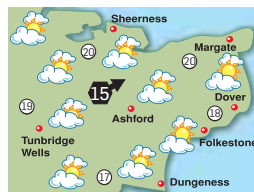
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## TOURISM

## Council 'more or less' admits information centre mistake

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been a shortfall in inquiries and footfall is down 71 per cent. They have more or less admitted they made a mistake.

"I didn't get an answer to how much this all cost."

The recommendation must now be

approved by the council's cabinet.

Mr Simms added: "The committee's decision is a good one and we hope the cabinet follows through with it."

The pilot saw the TIC split between the Gateway, a hub for council services such as housing and benefits in the Calverley Precinct, and opening in the Pan-

tiles only on Fridays and Saturdays.

It returned to the Old Fish Market when the pilot ended in April, providing a seven-day service for the summer tourism season.

The report found that when it was in the Pantiles the TIC had an average of 38 enquiries from people, both from

the UK and abroad, a day, while the Gateway received just five. The value of accommodation bookings fell 60 per cent and there was a 56 per cent drop in retail turnover during the pilot. Enquiries from overseas visitors fell 80 per cent.

The council's next cabinet meeting is on July 28.

## ROADS

## Support for 20mph limit grows

By Jenna Pudelek

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ROAD safety campaigners have hit out at Kent's highways authority for its "outdated" and "offensive" position on county-wide 20mph zones.

Calls are growing for the lower speed limit to be standard in residential roads across Kent, a measure supporters say would save lives and prevent serious injuries, and prove cost effective.

But Kent County Council, the highways authority, remains reluctant.

The county's Green Party, who most recently took their campaign to Tunbridge Wells, said there was widespread support for a Kent-wide 20mph limit in residential areas.

Spokesman Steve Dawe said: "For a Kent-wide policy I can confidently say that most people, 90 per cent plus, support this. We've been everywhere over the last two years, Thanet, west Kent, Gravesend, Canterbury, Whitstable, the reaction is pretty uniform – there is very strong support. KCC is out of touch on this issue."

In Tunbridge Wells, 20mph zones also have the support of the borough council's portfolio holder for transport, Brian Ransley. He said: "I've got a lot of sympathy for 20mph restric-

tions, especially where there are schools. It is something that the public have been enquiring about for some time now."

Cllr Ransley said the new Tunbridge Wells Transport Forum would hold its first meeting in September, and will be an opportunity for councillors and residents to make suggestions such as speed limits.

He said these would be considered before going to the joint transport board, which would be responsible for bringing them to the attention of KCC.

KCC refused to comment when asked its current position on a county-wide 20mph zone in residential areas.

Its website states: "We put 20mph zones in areas where there is a history of crashes involving child pedestrians or cyclists."

Mr Dawe said: "KCC is guilty of wanting bodies on the ground and won't take a preventative approach. They want evidence people have been injured or even killed before they act, which is disgraceful."

"In other areas such as Portsmouth where they are running trial schemes, the councils are going for prevention."

"This makes KCC's approach out of date and it's rather offensive that they are waiting for deaths before taking things more seriously."



Keith Taylor, a Green Party MEP for the south east, who has been advocating the reduced speed limit across Europe, was in Tunbridge Wells last Friday to support local campaigners.

"In other places in the south east, including Portsmouth, results coming through show that just two years after its introduction there has been a 22 per cent fall in collisions."

"We are seeing knock-on benefits accruing in terms of less admissions to hospital and less pressure on the emergency services. Every single death on the road is a personal tragedy, but there are also serious injuries which result in paralysis where people are

robbed of movements forever."

"We are seeing increasing numbers of community groups going to councils calling for 20mph speed limits in residential areas."

Asked about bringing in a borough-wide 20mph zone in residential streets, Tunbridge Wells' Cllr Ransley said it would depend on the views of all councillors.

He added: "In my own ward, Capel, we have an active campaign at the moment to get the speed restrictions changed around the primary school to avoid potentially serious accidents. Certain motorists are known to drive too fast in that area so speed restrictions would help."

Detractors of the schemes say they would be impossible to enforce.

Mr Dawe said: "The current 30mph is enforced by the normal behaviour of most drivers and it would be exactly the same if we reduced the speed limit to 20mph."

"A lot of people already drive at a lower speed in built up areas because they are aware of the issues of children and elderly people crossing the roads."

However, Cllr Nicolas Heslop, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council's cabinet member for transportation, said: "In the Tonbridge and

Malling borough, we have a 20mph zone in south Tonbridge and one in West Malling High Street. Our experience is that the 20mph limit is a fairly blunt tool in tackling speeding in residential areas, particularly as this restriction is not enforced by the police, and this can lead to quite obtrusive traffic calming measures being installed to make the limit 'self-enforcing'."

But the appetite for such schemes continues to grow and there are examples to show that 20mph residential streets have reduced the speed of traffic without the need for other traffic calming measures.

Mr Taylor added: "Last week in Europe I gained support from fellow MEPs who agree that 20mph zones should be recommended as best practice across the EU."

"We currently have the highest percentage of pedestrian road fatalities in Europe and this must change."

"The facts are clear – a pedestrian hit by a car travelling at 20mph is likely to suffer slight injuries, but at 30mph they are likely to be severely hurt. At 40mph or above they are likely to be killed."

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## SPENDING

# Reward card aims to help our independent shops to thrive

By Jenna Pudelek

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A NEW rewards scheme has been launched that aims to provide a valuable shot in the arm for independent businesses in Tunbridge Wells.

Mother-of-two Hayley Gibson, who lives in the St James' area of the town, has been working on the initiative, aimed at redressing the balance between smaller stores and the big chains, since March this year.

With a host of more than 40 local shops, cafes, restaurants, hairdressers and florists now on board, the TW Reward Card costs £9.99 a year and offers discounts of up to 50 per cent.

Mrs Gibson, 31, said: "I have lived in Tunbridge Wells for eight years and adore it. I spend a lot of time in the town and love the town's gorgeous, independent shops, cafes and restaurants. However, for me, as with so many families nowadays, money is very tight and I find myself looking for discounts and offers wherever possible.

"The larger chains are more able to offer discounts and advertise them well – however this is far more difficult for the smaller independents. I, along with many of my friends, want to support the independent businesses as they really make Tunbridge Wells what it is – and this is what inspired my idea – a scheme that supports local business and local people."

A variety of businesses have already signed up to the scheme and Mrs Gibson is hoping the list will continue to grow along with new offers.

With shoppers spending less and high streets struggling across the country, the idea has been welcomed by local business owners.

John Osborne, of TW Dog Shop in Camden Road, and Bob's DIY, said: "Independent businesses are at the heart of every community, however, the industrial parks and shopping cen-



tres are slowly taking over.

"Let's hope this brings a little more exposure to our local shops, who offer great customer service, knowledge, range and great value for

**BOOST:** The reward card will help independent shops fight back against the chain stores

money even before the discount the TW Reward Card offers."

Paula Fry, the owner of vintage shop Love is Boutique in Church Road, said: "Using the TW Reward Card is a great way for people to support our wonderful, independent businesses and get a discount in the process."

Abbey Music, Max Sparks (a painter/decorator), M Saltmarsh, Azur, Snapdragon and St John's Yard, are among the shops and services involved and the rest can be found at the scheme's website at [www.twrewardcard.co.uk](http://www.twrewardcard.co.uk) along with the different offers available.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## ➔ Jubilee preparations

SEVENOAKS Town Council wants to hear from residents over plans to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year.

It is toying with the idea of street parties or picnics to involve the community.

Anyone with suggestions is urged to contact Michele MacDonald on 01732 459953 or to email her at [council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk](mailto:council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk).

## ➔ Praise for hospital food

COMMUNITY hospitals in Tonbridge, Edenbridge and Hawkhurst have all been given 'excellent' ratings for the quality of the food served to patients following the annual Patient Environment Action Team inspections earlier this year.

Sevenoaks Hospital was given a 'good' rating. The inspections are overseen by the National Patient Safety Agency (NPSA).

## ➔ Giant cranes arrive

TWO 100ft long cranes weighing more than 41,000lbs each have arrived in Tunbridge Wells.

Arriving on Tuesday at the North Farm industrial estate, the equipment was said to be one of the largest loads transported down the country's motorway system.

The cranes travelled more than 200 miles from their manufacturer in Chapel-en-le-Frith in the Peak District. They are being used at the new Jiskoot Quality Systems Technology Centre in Longfield Road.

## ➔ Search for councillors

AN open evening is being held for potential councillors by Tunbridge Wells Tories.

Three guest speakers have signed up for the event, dubbed Have You Got the Tory X Factor?, on July 26.

Bob Atwood, leader of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, will talk about the role and responsibilities of councillors and the difference they make to communities. For more information contact Andrew Kennedy on 01892 522581 or by email at [twconservatives@gmail.com](mailto:twconservatives@gmail.com).

## FESTIVAL

## Parade and samba beats launch Mela event

HUNDREDS of schoolchildren paraded through Tunbridge Wells to officially launch this year's Mela celebrations.

Mayor Elizabeth Thomas led some 650 youngsters from the pedestrian precinct to Calverley Grounds, joined by popular local samba band Bloco Fogo and Dhol Drummers from Cultural Beats.

The children carried arts pieces that represent diversity and a range of cultures, which they created specially



for the parade on Wednesday in workshops run by Samesky.

Sue Latham, events manager for Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, said: "This is our biggest Mela launch to date and we are very grate-

ful to our event partner Cohesion Plus and a generous grant from Arts Council England for making it possible.

"The Mela is a great way for the communities of the borough to come together and enjoy music and dance from around the world and celebrate the positive community cohesion which exists in Tunbridge Wells."

The parade started at 10.30am and went down Mount Pleasant Road towards the station, turn-

ing onto Mount Pleasant Avenue and into Calverley Grounds at around 11am where bands performed.

Cllr Julian Stanyer, of the Mela steering committee, said: "I regard it as a great privilege to be involved with this very special event, and I expect the variety of performers to be exceptional."

The Mela takes place on Saturday, July 17, in Calverley Grounds from 1.30pm. Last year's event attracted 6,000 visitors.

## COMMUNITY

## Village of the year competition celebrates rural living

RURAL communities across Kent have been urged to enter the Village of the Year competition.

To enter, villages submit five "exemplary" community activities they feel would

earn them the title.

Organisers, Action with Communities in Rural Kent, and sponsors, the Kent County Agricultural Society and Kent Men of Trees, have also asked the villages to con-

sider their strengths in four themes – social action, transport, economic development and the environment.

Miranda Hayes, from the organising committee, said: "The contest is a great

celebration of rural living."

Entry forms are available at [www.ruralkent.org.uk](http://www.ruralkent.org.uk), the Facebook page Action with Communities in Rural Kent, call 01303 813790 or email [info@ruralkent.org.uk](mailto:info@ruralkent.org.uk).

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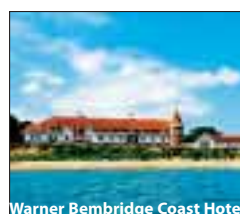
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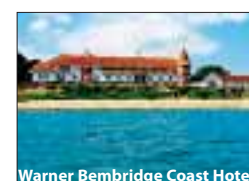
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## EDUCATION

# 'Hopeless' school places appeals panel slammed by official report

By Steve Knight

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A DAMNING report into Kent County Council's school appeals process has blasted the authority for providing pupils with the "panel from hell".

Following complaints from six parents whose children had initially missed out on a place at Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School last year, the Local Government Ombudsman found that the procedure organised by KCC was "seriously flawed" and that the appeals panel provided became "hopelessly muddled" in its decision-making.

An investigation into the process found five counts of maladministration against the council and 14 against the panel – including one of the chairman causing offence to a parent by making "inappropriate and irrelevant" comments about his Middle Eastern heritage.

Ombudsman Anne Seex also criticised KCC for failing to have policies in place to enable children whose appeal tests are disrupted to sit alternative tests, and said she was concerned the maladministration found in the report could recur.

School appeals expert Peter Read said: "This is the most damning and shocking report I've ever seen. In my experience most appeal panels do a good job and this appears to be a one-off, but the criticism of KCC is much more significant and needs to be addressed.

"The appeals structure for an oversubscribed grammar school is the most complicated there is, which makes it even more deplorable that KCC put a clerk in who by her own admission clearly didn't understand the processes. I'm also appalled that the panel never even finished the decision-making and left it to the council instead.

"I think it's wholly unacceptable and much of it is down to the council who set up a climate in



**CRITICISM:** Complaints were received from parents whose children initially missed out on a place at Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School

which this level of maladministration could take place. One doesn't know exactly what happened but the fact the chairman offered to resign at the end of the first morning suggests the panel members were totally incompetent and that it was never going to work."

The parents who complained to the ombudsman did so for a variety of reasons, ranging from the panel showing an "inappropriate" interest in some people's private affairs, to it adjourning one appeal so it could seek advice from the council without informing the parent.

Mrs Seex's report said the panel failed to manage hearings, take account of parents' needs or record its reasoning.

It also revealed that some of those involved in the process recalled them as the "panel from hell" and that they were "eccentric and idiosyncratic" in their considerations.

Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School head teacher Linda Wybar said the board of governors no longer used KCC to organise its appeals, and that this year's process had passed without incident.

She added: "The admissions procedure is a no-

toriously stressful and difficult time for parents, and it's very unfortunate our independent appeals – over which we have no control – didn't make it any easier.

"It's essential that all schools have a strong appeals process, and for that process to be credible it needs to be done properly and be seen to be done properly.

"I genuinely believe the panel members did their jobs in good faith and with the children's best interests at heart. They were very caring people who were unpaid and gave up six days of their own time to do this, but unfortunately it just didn't work."

A KCC spokesman said the council acknowledged the panel made some mistakes and offered its apologies to the families involved.

He added: "We take the training of clerks and panel members very seriously because we appreciate how complex school admissions can be.

"On this occasion it is clear that the high standards expected of the panel were not met. We respect the findings of the Local Government Ombudsman and are addressing, where appropriate, the recommendations in the report.

"Mindful that this happened 14 months ago, a lot of training and development has already taken place. Panel members are committed to providing an efficient and professional service in what can be difficult circumstances."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## ➔ Care home closure

A CARE home in Tunbridge Wells has been forced to close due to concern over record keeping and high staff turnover.

Four Nevill Park was home to about 20 adults with various forms of autism.

The Care Quality Commission, the health and social care watchdog, said the home was closed for the "safety and welfare" of its residents.

## ➔ Castle grounds shut

THE grounds of Tonbridge Castle will be closed until 5pm this Sunday as it stages the 2011 Music Festival.

This year's event got under way on Thursday and concludes this Saturday. But the grounds will have to remain shut as stages and equipment are cleared.

Tickets to all concerts are still available. For details and information on parking for the event, see [www.tmbc.gov.uk](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk).

## ➔ Community blooms

MORE than 32 volunteers helped the Tunbridge Wells In Bloom entry blossom last week.

Members of Friends of Dunorlan, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints worked together to make baskets and floral displays which were then donated to community groups and Oakley School.

The volunteers also helped cultivate areas of Dunorlan and Calverley Grounds.

■ For more on In Bloom, turn to page six.

## HEALTH CARE

# Pembury popularity forces early reduction in maternity service

A DELIVERY room at Maidstone maternity unit has been closed as health bosses struggle to cope with the number of women wanting to give birth at Pembury.

Consultant-led maternity services at the county town hospital are set to close fully in September, when the department will be centralised in the new state-of-the-art Tunbridge Wells Hospital (TWH).

It comes after a hard-fought battle to keep the services at Maidstone, led by doctors, politicians and patients who raised concerns over the safety of women and new born babies if the move went ahead.

Maidstone will be left with a midwifery-led birthing centre, but campaigners fear the hospital is being downgraded.

Now, a large increase in the number of births predicted for July at the new hospital has seen a fall in women wanting



**FUTURE:** Birthing services are to be centralised at Pembury

to have babies at Maidstone.

Head of midwifery at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust Gillian Duffey said: "The predicted number of births split between the two sites in June was fairly balanced – 261 at TWH against 231 at Maidstone – about the usual balance. But the pre-

dicted numbers for July show a marked shift in preference – 278 for TWH against 171 for Maidstone. That's a 62-38 per cent split.

"Most of the women preferentially choosing TWH come from midway between the two sites – places like West Malling and Paddock Wood.

"In the past they have split 50:50 between the two hospitals but now they are choosing Tunbridge Wells Hospital.

"So to meet their wishes and avoid unnecessary diversions we are rebalancing the service from July 4.

"We are opening an extra room in the delivery suite at TWH and closing a room at Maidstone.

"I've no doubt though that Maidstone will continue to be a very attractive option for suitable mums when we open the new midwifery-led birthing unit in September."



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## COMMUNITY

# Bloom judge shares his passion for the annual competition

By Jenna Pudelek

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BY day he is the man responsible for maintaining the parks and gardens of Tunbridge Wells. But next month Mel Henley will be embarking on a tour of the UK as part of the judging panel for one of the foremost community competitions, Britain in Bloom.

And the judge says the competition is the best way to get communities involved in their environment.

Head of parks and gardens at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Mr Henley is preparing for the judging tour for the national 2011 finals of the Royal Horticultural Society's (RHS) long-running campaign.

At the beginning of August, Mr Henley and his judging partner will spend two weeks visiting 14 finalists across the country.

It will be his first national tour after spending 11 years as a regional judge. He said: "We'll be travelling from the Channel Islands up into Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and back to England.

"We've got the category of small coastal villages, which will be lovely, but to be fair, what people achieve with In Bloom means it does not matter where you go in terms of it being picturesque. People make the very, very best of what they've got. You go to the villages and then go to a city centre and see better examples there."

Mr Henley, who started his career with an apprenticeship at a nursery before studying for an RHS Master of Horticulture at Pershore College, has worked in local government for more than 20 years, which is where his interest in the Bloom campaign developed.

He has a catchy enthusiasm for the competition, saying: "I feel very passionate about Bloom. I believe it is one of the best mechanisms to involve communities in their environment."

As well as his commitment as part of the 12-strong judging team in the national competition, he is also a committee member for Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom, which will be in the regional competition this year.

The borough returned to Bloom last year after an eight year hiatus and there are high hopes for what it can achieve.



**BEAUTIFUL JOB:** Mel Henley is pictured second from right with a group of his fellow In Bloom judges

"We have looked at doing things in a much more sustainable way," he said. "With the environment and costs in mind we have done a lot more for less. We have been doing a lot of work with the community and we are looking forward to the judges coming and being back in the competition."

Tunbridge Wells will be competing against local rivals Sevenoaks in Bloom when the regional judges visit next Friday, July 15.

Mr Henley has helped teams in Oxford, Nottingham and Buxton that had success at regional, national and Entente Florale, the Europe-wide competition, levels. And he believes Tunbridge Wells could go all the way too.

"Looking at how far it's come in a year and a bit, it is all up for grabs," he said. "We've made fantastic progress so who knows in a few years."

Bloom has been running since 1963 and was inspired by Fleurissement de France.

Mr Henley explained how it has become about more than brightening our high streets with a few hanging baskets and floral displays.

"We are looking for the quality of planting,

summer floral schemes or permanent landscaping," he said. "It is the quality of the displays and how they have involved people.

"It is about environmental responsibility and how we maintain our environment, such as not using peat and using plants that don't require a lot of water.

"It is about keeping the environment clean and community participation is important. We are looking for those who engage groups of people and how many people in the town or village know what they are doing.

"Bloom should not just be about a core of people, residents should know about it and the whole community should be engaged."

It takes years to progress through the competition to the national finals. Mr Henley and the other judges will be visiting 76 cities, towns, villages and urban communities to view a myriad of projects and places which have been shown to have a positive impact on the lives of the people who live and work there.

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## GARDENING

## Double success for village at prestigious horticultural show

HADLOW was celebrating two success stories this week after triumphs at this year's Hampton Court Palace Flower Show.

The annual event, staged by the Royal Horticultural Society, got under way on Tuesday and runs up to and including this Sunday.

And picking up awards on the opening day were Downderry Nursery on Pillar Box Lane and Hadlow College's floristry department.

Downderry picked up the gold award in the floral mar-

quee category, while the horticultural college picked up the silver-gilt in the floristry and fashion section.

They were among a select band of Kent winners at the floral event – second only to the Chelsea Flower Show in terms of prestige.

Others picking up awards included Canterbury College, Brookfield Plants in Ashford, Cookoo Box Nursery in Maidstone, the London Garden Society in Bexley, Outerspace Designs and Rumwood Nurseries

in Maidstone and Findwillow in Gravesend.

Taking place in the grounds of Hampton Court Palace in Surrey, the show is the biggest of its kind in the world, with more than 300,000 people turning up for the inaugural show in 1990.

It differs from the Chelsea show in that it focuses more on environmental issues, including growing your own and cookery. This year features predominantly floral exhibits held in marquees and pavilions.



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## ECONOMY

# Fort Halstead closure could cause irreparable harm to town's economy

By Jenna Pudelek

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WORK has begun to uncover to what extent the closure of the military research centre at Fort Halstead will impact on the surrounding area.

Operations at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) site have been top secret, but as the biggest employer in Sevenoaks, concern has been growing about the loss of 840 jobs, many highly-skilled, from the local economy.

It is estimated that nearly half the employees will choose not to be relocated to two other labs belonging to Dstl, an agency of the Ministry of Defence, both more than 100 miles away.

Peter Fleming, leader of Sevenoaks District Council, said: "The fundamental difference with the closure of Pfizer [in Sandwich] is that the country as a whole is not losing 840 jobs. But the jobs are going from our local economy and we need to be given as much data as possible to work out the impact on north west Kent.

"We will be looking for things like the first bit of people's postcodes. If we can get a sense of where the staff come from we will know the impact on the local area.

"We are also looking for an age profile because there are lots of villages around the centre and we could be looking at families moving their kids out of the primary school. That poses the ques-



## HEADACHE:

It is hoped a private sector company or university could take over the Fort Halstead site when it closes in 2016

tion of whether it remains tenable to keep the school open any more. We need to try and mitigate the impact before it happens."

Cllr Fleming, Michael Fallon, the MP for Sevenoaks, Jo Johnson, the MP for Orpington, and the council's chief executive, Robert Hales, met with defence procurement minister Peter Luff to discuss the closure, which is due to complete by 2016, last Wednesday.

Both Cllr Fleming and Mr Fallon are keen to see Dstl replaced with a private sector company of similar standing.

Mr Fallon said: "We asked him to accept responsibility, particularly for the staff who choose not to relocate. We estimate that around 400 will choose not to."

He added: "We asked the MoD to firm up on QinetiQ's intentions, which is the commercial arm spun out of the old defence research agency, which employs about 200 workers on the site."

"We have also asked for access to the site so we can see what the scope is for attracting private sector research, either a university or organisation, to use the facilities and have access to the staff who decide to stay."

Researchers at the Fort Halstead site carry out a range of work on behalf of the MoD including forensic science analysis into explosives.

Sevenoaks currently has the second lowest unemployment percentage in Kent and average incomes are much higher than in the rest of the county as a whole and the south east.

## CRIME

## 'Princesses' painting amongst thieves' haul

DETECTIVES are investigating a burglary in Cranbrook which saw jewellery, silverware and paintings pinched.

The crime took place some point between 5.30pm on June 17, and 12.30pm the following day. Among the haul was a painting, Princesses, by renowned artist Anne-Catherine Phillips.

Det Con Michael Chapman said: "We would like to hear from anyone who may have seen this painting being offered for sale."

Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 01732 379217 (ref 8327) or Kent Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Information can also be emailed to appeals.westkent@kent.pnn.police.uk.

## MEETING

## Police after your input in online Q&A session

AN ONLINE beat meeting will take place for north Tonbridge next Thursday.

The online question-and-answer session will take place between 7.30-8.30pm and allows residents to pose questions from the comfort of their home in a virtual discussion.

People who live or work in Cage Green, Higham or Trench wards are invited to take part.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

# Review: Sunshine and Purple Rain put



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FOR an event which has enjoyed some big name headliners during its short history, there were more than a few rumours that the Hop Farm Festival was struggling to fully establish itself on a packed music calendar.

There were mutterings about the line-up, mumbblings about the ticket prices, and questions over just how it filled the niche it had carved out for itself.

Those doubts were firmly banished though, over three glorious days last weekend which saw it gather universal praise and remarkable coverage across the national press.

The Hop Farm Festival is here to stay – and on the evidence of its 2011 outing, we should all be very thankful.

Much can be credited to Sunday night's headliner Prince. A master of his craft, he picked up the crowd from the second he walked on and kept them firmly in the palm of his hand, with hit after hit until he exited the stage with just seconds to spare before the 11pm curfew. It was two-and-a-quarter hours of quite spell-binding performance which converted the unsure and reaffirmed to the committed why he is such an exceptional talent.

But while Prince's first UK festival show, and his first appearance in this country since his 21-night run at the O2 Arena in 2007 was worthy of finding and testing the dictionary of superlatives, there were plenty of other stand-out acts which built a swell of goodwill in the build-up to Sunday's finale.

Bryan Ferry and The Eagles got things under way with a smooth display on the Friday night.



While the Saturday double-header of Iggy & The Stooges and Morrissey was a wonder to behold. Having followed in the footsteps of a Lou

## COMPETITION

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In the men's 400m hurdles British pair Dai Greene and Rhys Williams will be hoping to fend off the World and Olympic champion from the Dominican Republic, Felix Sanchez. British heroes Mo Farah and Phillips Idowu (pictured) will be joined by fellow big-name Brits Mark Lewis-Francis, Christine Ohuruogu, and Jenny Meadows, who will be hoping home support can spur them onto victory.

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# Hop Farm Festival on the map



Artist pictures: KATE BOOKER



He served up a strict diet of solo smashes and classics from The Smiths which proved the perfect finale to a hot Saturday bill. On any other weekend he would have stolen the headlines.

Certainly the event itself was blessed this summer. The weather ranged from scorching to wonderfully warm. The land was dry, and the blend of young and old made for a very welcoming dynamic where no-one felt out of place.

Praise must also be directed for the clean-up operation which kept the site clear of the normal wreckage which blights festivals.

The side stages delivered too, ranging from ex-Libertines star Carl Barat performing the group's hits to a delighted crowd, to James frontman Tim Booth going walk-about in the crowd mid-song during his mid-afternoon set.

Yes, there were still issues getting out of the venue if you dawdled for a moment, but the reality was that the quality of entertainment served up had been so high, no-one really minded.

The organisation behind the Hop Farm Festival floated on the alternative investment market (AIM) just a week ago. This will have sent its stock price soaring.

Reed set which, if being kind, was only ever going to keep his hardcore fan base happy, Iggy Pop reaffirmed a lust for life with a scintillating performance of swagger and good humour which defied his age. Can there be another 64-year-old man capable of such energy and with the essence of rock 'n' roll bubbling in his bulging veins? He managed what many thought impossible – picking up from where Patti Smith's well-received set had left off. It was, thankfully, as if Lou Reed never happened.

All of which left the stage clear for Morrissey.

**MAKING HEADLINES:** Clockwise from top left, The Eagles, Morrissey and Prince each closed a day; Iggy Pop proved his lust for life; The crowd enjoy Prince's Purple Rain; The sun shone down on the festival; fans make a tribute to Prince

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Three female meerkat kittens, born in April, have made their first appearance. These are the first kittens to be born to meerkat Tiggs, who had to be hand reared when she was



**NEW ARRIVALS:** Baby meerkats

an infant. Tiggs was born at Port Lympne in May, 2009. Head keeper Richard Barnes took her into his home and fed her milk every two hours.

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## ART

# Photographers snap up the dark beauty of town for competition

**By Jenna Pudelek**

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WINNERS are set to be announced for the Tunbridge Wells at Night photography competition.

The town's museum and art gallery launched the contest because among its collection of more than 4,000 images of local views very few were shot at night.

One example of the town after dark is an atmospheric postcard of the Wellington Hotel dating from 1905 and the competition organisers said they were looking for similarly "interesting and evocative" photographs from 2011.

Winning entries from the competition, which closed last Sunday, July 3, will be added to the museum's permanent



collection alongside work by local professionals including Vic Reeves and Henry Peach Robinson.

Katrina Burton, audience development manager, said the judges, professional photographer Ellen Montelius and museum expert Ian Beavis,

would announce the winners this week.

She gave us a sneak preview of some of the entries, including Pantiles Pigeons, which was shot by Christy Low in the children's category, and the fairy lights in the picturesque Chapel Place by Poul Webb.

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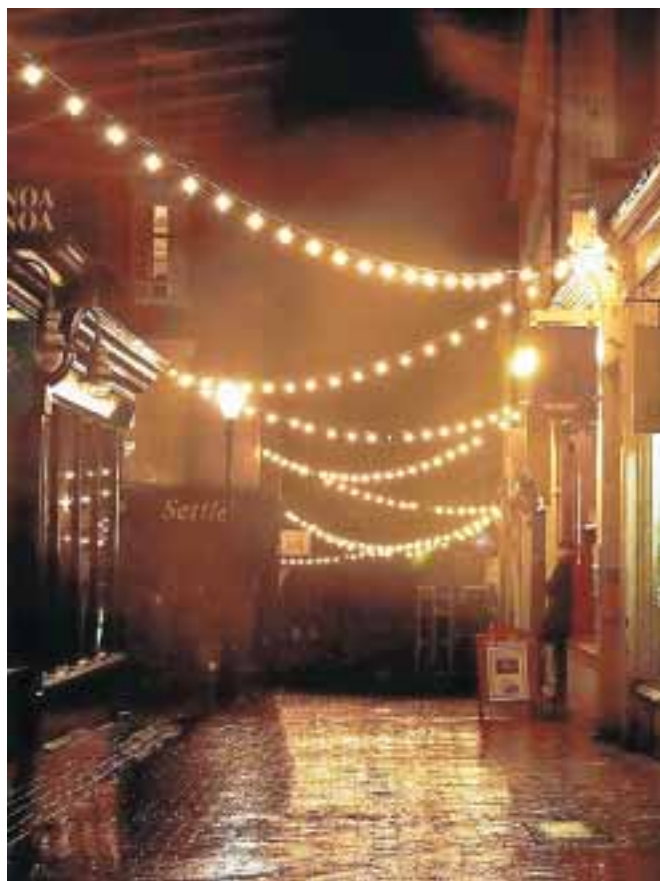


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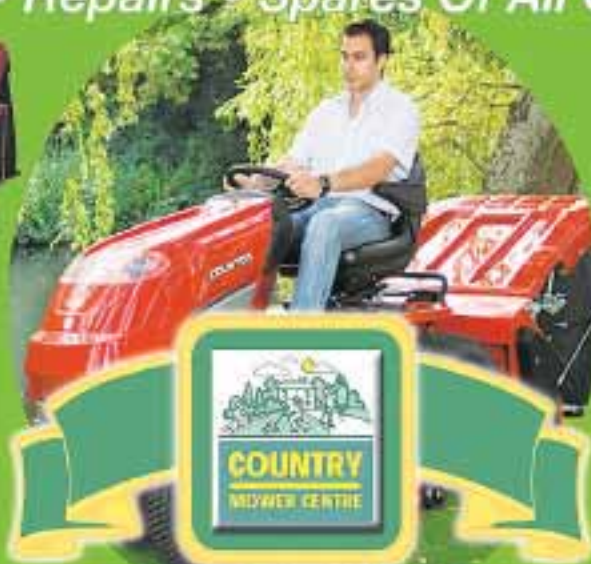
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**THE TOWN AT NIGHT:**  
Clockwise from far left: The inspiration for the contest was this postcard of the Wellington Hotel in 1905, Entries include Pantiles pigeons by Christy Low, Chapel Place by Poul Webb, Skyline by Fleur Chaffé and Opera House by Nilo Lumauag.

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## BOOKS

## Star-studded line-up announced for festival

TELEVISION veteran Peter Sissons and Churchill's biographer Mary Lovell are among the high-profile figures signed up for Sevenoaks' annual book festival.

Biographies and autobiographies feature prominently in this year's literary celebration, which begins with a talk by Times art critic Rachel Campbell-Johnston on her new book about the Shoreham-based painter Samuel Palmer on September 19.

Tickets go on sale on July 30 and Sevenoaks resident Mr Sissons will be presenting his autobiography about his Liverpool childhood and life in the high-pressure world of TV newsrooms.

Mary Lovell will talk about her latest book, *The Churchills*, which is a look at the family life of Winston Churchill and his ancestors and many aristocratic relations.

TV producer and poetry-lover Daisy Goodwin, whose novel *My Last Duchess* about an American heiress was inspired by relatives of Churchill's, will be the guest at the festival's literary lunch.

Best-selling historical novelist Vanora Bennett will host the Book Lovers' Tea on October 1 and will answer questions about how she combines research with her imagination to create stories.

A literary walk around Weald village is also set to take place led by local poet Gilly Moysey.

Scottish poet Jackie Kay will be reading from *Red Dust Road*, a memoir of her search for her birth parents in Scotland and Nigeria.

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## SAFETY

## National bravery honour for officer who arrested a 'knife-wielding maniac'

By Jenna Pudelek

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A POLICE officer who stepped-in to stop a knife-wielding woman intent on attacking a social worker has been nominated for a national award.

Detective Sergeant Ian Wadey was set to be honoured at the Police Bravery Awards, which were being held in London's Savoy this week and include a reception at Number 10 with the Prime Minister David Cameron.

His nomination by fellow officers comes after he attended a routine meeting about child protection issues at social services in Tunbridge Wells. An alarm went off and Det Sgt Wadey was told that a woman was in the building armed with a large kitchen knife.

She had threatened to stab a social worker and as the building was evacuated he called 999 for backup and went to look for her.

At the foot of the staircase he could hear

a woman shouting. He was in plain clothes and without a stab vest, baton or pepper spray, so he picked up a small wooden stool to defend himself.

Det Sgt Wadey climbed up the stair, still on the phone to the police control room, and found her at the top. He placed the phone on the floor, leaving the line open, and approached saying he was a police officer.

She dropped the knife and he arrested her.

The woman said: "I didn't mean to scare anyone I just wanted to stab her [the social worker] in the heart."

Responding to his nomination, Det Sgt Wadey said: "I was surprised and very honored; a little embarrassed as I don't think I did anything particularly out of the ordinary. I was just doing my job."

"Lots of police officers do brave things every-day and I don't consider what I did any braver or any more outstanding. But I'm delighted to be nominated."

Det Sgt Wadey works in Tunbridge Wells as a child protection officer. He said he would be taking his 17-year-old son, who plans to study law, to the awards and reception with Mr Cameron.

The bravery awards recognise officers from the country's 43 forces for going above and beyond the call of duty.

Ian Poinon, chairman of Kent Police Federation, which represents rank and file officers, said: "This is a stark reminder that the 'frontline' of policing is about far more than uniformed officers on the beat."

"Ian had gone to a routine meeting but ended up confronting a knife-wielding maniac intent



**HERO:** Detective Sergeant Ian Wadey arrested the woman despite being unprotected himself

on doing serious harm to a social worker."

The incident took place in Tunbridge Wells in August 2009.

## ENVIRONMENT

## Shopping centre staff go back to school to learn about recycling

THOUSANDS of shopping centre staff have been enrolled in a 'green academy' in a bid to double Royal Victoria Place's recycling rates.

Launched last Friday, the initiative supports Tunbridge Wells Borough Council's environmental targets, which have placed it in the top 10 per cent of local authorities in the country for recycling and the best in Kent.

The green academy will involve staff at all levels delivering serious sustainability targets through light-hearted competition and activities, according to its creator WasteSolve.

Royal Victoria Place, which has more than 90 shops and spans almost nine acres of the town centre, aims to achieve



sending no waste to landfill sites within three months of the initiative's launch.

The centre is set to become the first retail centre in west Kent to send its food waste for anaerobic digestion where it will be turned into fertiliser and 'green' electricity from the gas generated.

Laurie Barton Wright, centre manager, said: "Being one of the largest town centre business we are proud to launch the green academy."

"This initiative will enable us to reduce the centre's carbon footprint at the same time as supporting Tunbridge Wells Borough Council's green strategy."

"We have 11.5 million visitors a year to the centre, and our Westfield shopping centres include the largest in Europe, but we want to make sure our carbon footprint is much, much smaller. Staff and customers will be pleased to know we're making sure this happens through our new green academy."

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# Hospice hits the right note

By Chris Britcher

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PEMBURY'S Hospice in the Weald has teamed up with Upstart Crow and Yellowfish Studios in Lewes to offer a unique opportunity for people record a track at a professional studio with top musicians.

Raise Your Voice is the first campaign of its kind in the UK and includes a day in a recording studio with professional singer and choir director, Jo Harman, and top musicians.

Anyone can take part, whether they think they can sing or not. Hospice in the Weald is encouraging friends, families and colleagues to get involved.

Participants get to spend the day in the studio and have the challenge of learning and performing a song, which will then be recorded on CD for groups to take away. They need to raise sponsorship to cover the cost and a guaranteed minimum donation, with any additional funds raised going directly to Hospice in the Weald.

Rachel Holweger, fundraising director at Hospice in the Weald, said: "We are delighted to be the first charity in the UK to take part in something like this and think it offers people a different way to challenge themselves and raise money for us."

"We need to raise £5 million each and every year and are always looking for new ways for people to fundraise for us."

To take part in this Raise Your Voice or to help raise funds for Hospice in the Weald visit [www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk](http://www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk) or call Ruth Fahie on 01892 820508.

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### ART COMPETITION



**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** Winning entries Weightlifting Man and Pooltastic were created using only local, seasonal produce and inspired by this year's theme of the London Olympics 2012

# Winners serve up tasty treats in food art contest

By Chris Britcher

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THE competition was fierce – and delicious – and now the winners of the Create a Fruit & Veg Masterpiece contest have been revealed.

The competition invited primary school youngsters from across Kent to create a work of art using nothing but locally produced, in season, produce.

And all with an Olympic London 2012 theme.

After hundreds of entries, three young solo and group finalists lined-up for a live final at Hadlow College last Friday – where they came face-to-face with renowned foodscape artist Carl Warner.

During the event they had to create their short-listed edible masterpiece in front of the celebrity photographer to determine who would triumph in the contest, the brainchild of local food and drink champions Produced in Kent.

Mr Warner said: "It revealed new levels of artistic creativity amongst these young competitors. Whilst there can be only one winner, all the finalists have made an Olympic effort and they are all champions of creativity and should be praised for flying the flag for Kent grown fruit and veg."

In the solo category nine-year old Arthur



**SOLO GOLD:** Winner Arthur Halsall (front) with foodscape artist Carl Warner (left), Paul Hannan and Tracy Kingsland

Halsall of Beechwood School, Tunbridge Wells, emerged triumphant with his potato and carrot weightlifter.

He beat off stiff competition from Emily Ing, 10, from Davington Primary in Faversham and Annabelle Penn, five, of Ightham Primary.

The group category saw Year 2 from St John's Primary in Gravesend win with a scene of veggie swimmers racing through a pool of peas in front of a crowd of supporters.

They saw off last year's winners from the Allotment Club at All Saints Church of England in Chatham and Senacre Wood Primary School in Maidstone.

In addition to all the finalists picking up their medals, the children were also awarded a bevy of other prizes including a bumper selection of gardening goodies, two framed pictures and coffee table books donated by foodscape photographer Carl Warner, as well as a signed copy of the book My 10 Olympic Days by Dame Kelly Holmes, who helped support the launch of the competition.

The competition was made possible by the sponsorship support of Hadlow College, and RJ Kingsland & Son, with funding from the Kent 2012 Small Grants Fund. Archant KOS Media, publisher of this newspaper, was media partner.



**GROUP GOLD:** Year 2 from St John's Primary in Gravesend fought off fierce competition to win

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### TRANSPORT

# Cuts are driving us all mad

Government is to blame for rising transport prices that are creating a cost of living crisis, argues Labour's shadow transport secretary Maria Eagle

KENT motorists were dealt another blow last week with the decision of the Tory-led Government to hike the cost of using the Dartford Crossing by two-thirds.

Increasing the cost to £2 this year and £2.50 next year, on top of the current high cost of fuel, could feel like the final straw for those who have to use the crossing regularly.

Filling the tank has never cost more, and the Chancellor has added to the burden by increasing VAT on fuel to 20 per cent. Thanks to fuel duty, this is a tax on a tax. In rural areas prices can be up to 10-15p per litre higher.

But it isn't just fuel costs that are making car ownership so expensive, it is huge rises in insurance premiums, up 74 per cent in the past year for a small family car. And it's breakdown cover, up 19 per cent, and servicing costs, up seven per cent. Even the cost of a new tyre has doubled on a year ago. For those on average incomes, the cost of run-

ning a car has now reached 13 per cent of household expenditure, and for the lowest income group it now comprises a quarter of their monthly budget.

At the same time, people are seeing wages frozen or hours cut. Whether it is mortgage or rent, energy and water bills, or the cost of the weekly shop, prices are rising while money coming in has stayed the same or dropped. That squeeze on household budgets is the cost of living crisis facing Kent families.

And the rising cost of getting around is adding to the burden. That's why the government was wrong to increase VAT and wrong to increase the cost of using the Dartford Crossing.

Public transport is also more expensive, with rail costs now out of the reach for many. I visited Chatham a couple of weeks ago to launch Labour's campaign against Government plans to allow rail fares to spiral.

Ministers have told the train

operating companies they can increase ticket prices by three per cent above inflation for each of the next three years. With inflation set to go up, that means fares will be 28 per cent higher in 2015 than they are today. Medway commuters for example will be facing a season ticket price of over £5,000.

The reason for these fare rises is to fill the black hole in the Department for Transport's budget, caused by the decision to cut too far and too fast. It's right that we must reduce the deficit – Labour would have halved it over this parliament – but the Government's decision to go further will cause hardship for many.

The other consequence of the Government's cuts is the loss of bus services and the scaling back or removal of transport subsidies for young people.

A combination of the end of EMA and the loss of bus services and bus passes is putting at



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**As a start they should abandon plans to raise the cost of using the Dartford Crossing**

risk young people's ability to stay on in education post-16.

And older people are suffering too as a result of losing local bus services. During the election campaign David Cameron claimed he'd protect free bus passes for older people.

What he didn't tell pensioners was he would be taking away bus services instead. For those services that remain, bus fares are also going up in many places by more than inflation.

Transport isn't a luxury, but an essential part of our lives. However you get around, the cost of transport is rising.

The Tory-led government doesn't understand the difficulties caused by the rising cost of fuel and public transport prices. They should listen to people's experiences and do something to tackle the cost of living crisis hurting families in Kent. And as a start, they should abandon their plans to raise the cost of using the Dartford Crossing.

## KOS COMMENT

Can 20mph make our streets a safer place?

CAMPAIGNERS have put forward some strong arguments in favour of 20mph zones in residential areas.

As ever, there is a vocal minority keen to pour scorn and suggest it will make no difference. Yet a 10mph reduction can be what stands between life and death.

More importantly, however, we should use our commonsense when motoring and realise residential streets deserve our foot coming off the pedal.

Pembury proves to be popular with mums

IT IS no wonder that a rush of pregnant women want to give birth in the new hospital at Pembury.

With hotel-like en-suite rooms and state-of-the-art facilities, it has proven so popular this July that a new room is being opened to cope with demand.

It is great news that the maternity services are sure to be well-used, but there are also concerns that its services become overwhelmed. Let's hope the trust's numbers add up.

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## Charity is compassion

IS it coincidence that alongside the excellent article by Jenna Pudelek, Charities are stung by animal rights protest, there is a letter from Sian Fraser, fundraiser from the World Cancer Research Fund?

Big business at its best. Medical charities in particular, are geared to tug at the heart strings.

PR takes care of that, carefully concealed is the vivisection side. Clever stuff. Kind-hearted people give generously of their time and money, all in good faith.

Animal Aid presents a wider, more detailed picture, bringing to light the nasties hidden in the closet.

A new wonder drug appears from time to time, helped on its way by plenty of publicity. PR in the driving seat again, no mention of the suffering involved, in the latest money-spinner.

It is also worth remembering that sheltering under an umbrella of WCRF and co, are the pesticide, polish, paint etc.

brigade. A harrowing thought. Testing on animals should have been abolished years ago.

Deliberately inflicting suffering cannot be justified in my book.

A number of medical charities do not support vivisection. These are the ones to take centre stage.

Charity is about love. Compassion and love, go hand in hand. If this is not so, then there is no genuine love.

**Mary McNulty, Brenchley**

## Animal tests do not help us

DR David Scot of Cancer Research UK claims that, over the last 40 years, cancer survival rates have doubled due to animal research. This is patently untrue.

The infamous beagle trials on smoking proved nothing. It was only when human research was done that the connection between lung cancer and cigarettes was proved.

Some experts admit, after years of animal use, that it has failed. Two examples: Dr Irvin Bross of the world's

largest cancer research institute said in 1981: "While conflicting animal results have often delayed and hampered advances in the war on cancer, they have never produced a single substance either in the prevention or treatment of human cancer."

His views were echoed 23 years later by a research fellow at drug company Eli Lilly: "If you look at the millions and millions and millions of mice that have been cured, and you compare that to the relative success, or lack thereof, that we've achieved in the treatment of metastatic cancer clinically, you realise there just has to be something wrong with those models."

Unfortunately, it is the accepted norm that animal research is a 'good thing'.

It has been hard-wired into us to believe that what the white-coated fraternity do must be right rather than questioned. The old cliché of "your child's life or a mouse" is false but is deeply ingrained into the consciousness of both the research/medical establishment and the general public.

Animal Aid has opened

that debate against the sacred cow of animal use. Read their report and then decide who is right.

**Sara Starkey, Tonbridge.**

## There are other choices

I SUPPORT Animal Aid in their quest to draw attention to the fact that Cancer Research UK use animals in their research.

Many people have lost someone to cancer and naturally wish to contribute to find a cure for this disease.

However, I do believe that research on animals can actually be harmful to humans, as has been proved in the past. The most notable example being those who were born with multiple defects as a result of their mothers taking thalidomide to prevent morning sickness.

There is also the fact that animals in laboratories are treated as commodities and very little compassion is shown to them. I do not think that compassionate people who care about animals want their money to be spent on

animal experimentation. The argument is that they are so like us that this research is needed. If they are so like us why do we think it is okay to treat them in this way?

Some of my friends have died as a result of cancer. I prefer to remember them by giving to charities such as the Macmillan Nurses or Hospice in the Weald. The larger the charity the bigger the cost of administration. If you are more interested in finding a cure, there is the Humane Research Trust, which carries out research without the use of animals, or the Dr Hadwen Trust, which also avoids the use of animals in experiments.

People who care about animals usually also care about people and show compassion to all who share this planet.

**Diana Allchorne, by email**

## He should be called Lord

I WAS under the impression that Robert Sackville West was a Lord as he is a Baron with the title of Lord Sackville and not Mr Sackville West, unless

there is someone in the family that I don't know of.

**T David, by email**

■ **Editor's note:** There was an editorial error with this story. The article was supposed to be about William Sackville-West who does not have a title. His brother, Robert, is indeed the present Lord Sackville.

## Festival was a real success

I attended the Hop Farm Festival last weekend, and just wanted to say it was a wonderful experience.

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**R Turner, by email**

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**Q** I CANCELLED my house insurance and asked my bank not to allow further direct debit payments, but the bank replied that "this is not how the system works". Later, I cancelled my satellite TV subscription, but direct debits continued for three months. You have said in your column that banks must refund debits that are questioned, but this has not happened.

**A** YOU may need to change your bank. The Direct Debit Guarantee says: "You can cancel a direct debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required". You are asked to tell the company or organisation as well, so it does not try to collect payments you have cancelled. And if a payment is collected without authority, it does not matter whose fault it is. The Direct Debit Guarantee clearly states: "If an

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**Q** I BELIEVE older people should check interest paid on their savings. A relative who is 89 asked me to take her passbook into Santander to have the interest added. On savings of £18,500, interest for one year was just over £13.

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**A** YOU have told me that HSBC hinted its decision might change if you had an account and not just a credit card. So, I do wonder why you went to Santander rather than open an HSBC account if a card came with it. Your credit agency record now makes you look a bit desperate. Do not apply for cards elsewhere and make it worse. As a temporary measure, until your record improves, consider asking a family member to let you be a second cardholder on their account.

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**AT RISK:** Terrace houses are likely to make up 40pc of repossessions in the UK

## Terrace homes more likely to be repossessed

TERRACE houses are likely to account for about 40pc of repossessions in the UK this year, according to new analysis of the market.

Mortgage administration company HML, which carried out the study, based its findings on analysis of 320,000 mortgage accounts.

"Our forecast shows terraces and flats across the UK are generally more at risk of repossession than detached and semi-detached

homes," said Neil Warman, of HML.

"Terraces and flats tend to be the property of choice for first-time buyers, and lenders understand granting mortgages to people who haven't had them before is riskier than lending to someone with an established track record.

"However, all borrowers have to contend with the rising cost of living, employment uncertainty, stagnant wages and the fallout from the largest cuts to government spending

for more than a generation.

"There is already evidence these factors are starting to impact on homeowners, as there has been a moderate increase in the number of borrowers whose arrears represent more than 10pc of the value of their mortgages.

"This is likely to feed through into higher repossessions next year, when we are forecasting an overall figure of between 35,000 and 40,000 repossessions."

## Fuel poverty casts a long, cold shadow

**By Ed Foss**

MyMoney 24 writer

THE dark spectre of fuel poverty is now looming over up to a third of all households.

Depending on which definition of fuel poverty is used – a debate has been raging on this issue for some time – somewhere between 24pc and 33pc of households are now classed as 'fuel poor'.

And there is a real fear that the rising costs of energy, allied with static incomes and inflationary pressures on many goods and services means the fuel poverty figure will continue to rise quickly.

Fuel poverty is currently defined as when 10pc or more of net household income is spent on energy bills.

Previously it was seen as an issue affecting mainly pensioners and lower income groups.

However, as energy bills have gone through the roof – up an average of 71pc in five years – the total number of households in fuel poverty has

soared, with the more affluent middle classes now also falling prey.

And if a new definition of fuel poverty, suggested by a range of organisations including Consumer Focus, Friends of the Earth and Age UK, were to be used, the number of people in this difficult situation would increase from 24pc to 33pc.

Those organisations want housing costs, such as mortgage or rent payments, to be removed from income to give an 'after housing costs' measure rather than the current 'before housing costs' measure which they feel fails to give the full picture.

Ann Robinson, director of consumer policy at Uswitch.com, said: "Rocketing energy prices mean the middle classes are no longer immune to social ills such as fuel poverty.

"The fact is that we can now find the fuel poor amongst all walks of life and in all types of households.

"Start to factor in housing costs such as mortgage and rental payments and we are left with the shock-

ing image of a third of all British households living in fuel poverty.

"The sad truth is that consumers are paying a heavy price for this country's disjointed, incoherent and unaffordable energy policy."

There was now a real urgency for the Government to get on with its review of fuel poverty so it can relieve the misery facing those who cannot afford to keep warm this winter, said Mrs Robinson.

In the meantime, households can start protecting themselves by taking two key steps.

These are to pay the lowest possible price for your energy and learn to use less of it by looking at longer-term energy efficiency measures, such as insulating lofts and cavity walls.

At the moment, single working parents are the most likely group to be in fuel poverty, with 39pc of these households fuel poor.

Meanwhile, 36pc of working-class households are in fuel poverty, as are 15pc of middle-class households.



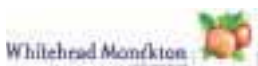


## INSIDE THIS WEEK

SOLE traders and SMEs have revealed that reams of red tape and regulations are responsible for them not taking on additional staff. The British Chambers of Commerce study found forthcoming pension requirements, dismissal rules and sickness absence were considered the biggest obstacles and called on the Government to cut legislation to stimulate growth. The Government must now find the right regulation balance, with enough in place to protect workers but not too much in place as to make it unattractive for sole traders to take on extra staff.

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## Federation and hauliers cross with Dartford Crossing plans

By Simon Robinson

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HAULIERS will be hit by controversial plans to increase the Dartford Crossing toll, according to the Freight Transport Association.

The Tunbridge Wells-based organisation has raised concerns with the price-hike proposal, which will see HGVs charged £6 to cross from Dartford to Thurrock by 2012.

The fee rise was unveiled last week as part of a package of controversial Crossing congestion management proposals.

Highways Agency bosses have been given permission to trial a 'free-flow' congestion-easing system that will see the pay barriers lifted – allowing motorists to cross without paying – once traffic jams pass the 10-mile mark.

The FTA tentatively welcomed the move, but the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) said 10 miles was too long.

An FTA spokesman said: "The Dartford-Thurrock Crossing is a key piece of freight infrastructure and is used by thousands of commercial vehicles every day. For most, it is the only viable option, but the congestion that can occur around it represents a huge cost to our members



### CONCERNS:

Both the FSB and the FTA have raised issues with Government plans for easing congestion and raising prices at the Dartford Crossing

– around £50 per hour. So we support what the Government is trying to achieve with the introduction of free-flow technology, not charging when congestion is particularly heavy, and looking into an additional Thames crossing.

"However, we are very concerned about the scale and quick succession of the increases being proposed to pay for it, which will amount to an increase to £6 for HGVs per crossing by 2012.

"Forecasts show congestion is only going to get worse, so industry will feel a lot better when we see hard evidence of real improvements being

made to the toll booths or, even better, the construction of a Thames crossing to ease the strain and reduce transport costs and emissions.

"We would like to see the tolls scrapped entirely, but with the economy as it is we are sure they won't say goodbye to this revenue stream.

"However, we do want those congestion-busting measures to be introduced as soon as possible so our members aren't going to be paying more for a system which isn't fit for purpose."

The FSB urged the Government to reduce the 'free-flow' 10-mile tailback marker as the cost to Kent businesses of such congestion was high.

North Kent branch chairman Neville Gaunt said: "A 10-mile queue means a massive delay for motorists and adds considerable expense for businesses due to fuel and time being wasted while the queue exists. We have seen it take up to two hours to travel that 10 miles in the past, and we believe that is an unacceptable delay.

"It isn't just motorists on the M25 who are affected by such a queue. A 10-mile delay on the M25 means motorists using the A2, M20 and roads around Dartford and Greenhithe are also caught up in the congestion as the queues rapidly extend along these main trunk roads, too."

## TRADE

### Office space offer for small start-ups

COUNCIL chiefs have launched a free hot-desk scheme to give businesses a helping hand in weathering the economic downturn.

Canterbury City Council has made space available at its office in Lakesview Enterprise Centre, Hersden, as part of its three-year cross-border TEN Project.

TEN boss Natalia Sukhram said: "The office gives individuals the chance to experience working from a wireless commercial environment, away from the day-to-day distractions at home.

"It can also be used as extra space to hold meetings or for projects."

Paul Babra, of Canterbury Curry Club, whose business has expanded into Belgium and France, added: "TEN is helping small businesses like ours to expand our culinary expertise within the EU."

Companies with 10 or fewer employees, sole traders and pre-start businesses are eligible.

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WATCHDOG: CLA head Martin Jamieson

## WATCHDOG

### Ex-medical manager becomes rural head

KENT business leader Martin Jamieson has been appointed as the head of a national rural watchdog.

The experienced manager, who led Ashford-based Smiths Medical International – a company with 2,400 staff and a turnover of more than £400 million – for seven years, will take up the role of director general of the Country Land and Business Association (CLA).

Jamieson, who owns a smallholding in Stalisfield, near Faversham, said: "The CLA is a great organisation that is vital to ensure the voice of land-owners and managers is heard. I look forward to leading its staff through the challenges ahead."

CLA president William Worsley said: "I feel sure Martin's senior management experience in industry will prove invaluable to the CLA."

The CLA is a 35,000-member organisation that has promoted land ownership and rural business in England for more than 100 years.

## TURNOVER

### Food franchisers see profits rise

FROZEN-food-maker and retailer Cook has found the right recipe for high street success – with profits up 40 per cent to £997,000.

The family-run firm, based in Sittingbourne, also recorded a huge increase in turnover, up 15.8 per cent to £22 million.

The company's move into franchising has underpinned growth, with nine new shops springing up across the country during the last financial year.

Shop number 50 will open in Bromley next month.

Founder and managing director Edward Perry said: "It's been a long, hard recession and a steep learning curve for us, but we are now coming out the other side with a much better business as a result.

"Positive momentum has carried over to the new financial year, and like-for-like sales are up 5.4 per cent during the past 10 weeks, showing an independent premium brand can operate successfully on the high street even in tough times."

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## MERGER

## Estate agents form FoxWood

UP-MARKET estate agency Calcutt Maclean Wood has merged with Fox & Manwaring to form FoxWood Maclean.

The newly-formed business, based in Wye and Edenbridge, will offer a variety of property services including sales, lettings and management across Kent, Surrey and Sussex.

Mark Weaver, of Fox & Manwaring, said: "We have been looking for another strong agency partner in Kent for some time. We can now offer our clients more than 150 years of experience in residential sales and lettings, commercial and retail to hands-on farming advice and professional managements."

Calcutt Maclean's co-founder Nigel Maclean said: "This is an exciting and positive evolution for us and we are looking forward to providing our tailor-made independent services across a wider area."

The new company is looking to recruit experienced professionals for a planned expansion of property teams and new offices.

## EXPANSION

## Marshland airport on the up

LYDD airport's expansion efforts have reached their first milestone – with the completion of phase one of the upgrades.

The Romney Marsh airport now boasts improved passenger check-in and security facilities, larger arrivals and baggage reclaim areas and a new departure lounge capable of accommodating up to 100 passengers an hour.

More than £30 million has now been spent on improving infrastructure and facilities at the airport.

Airport manager Bernard Daly said: "These improvements reinforce the airport's continuing commitment to growth, supporting increasing levels of business aviation, aircraft training, general aviation and cargo operations."

Lydd airport has lodged planning applications for a 294m runway extension plus a 150m starter extension and a new terminal capable of handling up to 500,000 passengers a year.

## INSURANCE

## Cutting cover a false economy

RECESSION-HIT firms should think twice before lowering their cover in a bid to cut costs, according to the Green Insurance Group.

Ian Gosling, director of the Sittingbourne-based insurers, said: "Many companies are looking at their costs and see insurance as 'dead money' – therefore to save on spending they are cutting their cover, but this is a false economy and could cause more problems than it solves in the event of a claim."

"We are looking to provide value for money to companies by searching the market for the most competitive price without compromising the cover and providing additional benefits such as three-year deals, interest-free instalments and low claims rebate options, each of which can help further reduce the cost."

The firm has also stepped up its Directors and Officers Liability Insurance to counter the rise in complaints against companies, which have broken through the 5,000-cases-per-year barrier.

# Budget hotel chain brings 20 new jobs

TRAVELODGE has unveiled plans for a 60-bed hotel in Sittingbourne, creating 20 jobs.

The firm will pump £3.6 million into the Bell Road hotel and fill all the entry-level roles with long-term unemployed local residents, thanks to its partnership with Job Centre Plus.

The Kent investment comes as part of a £165m expansion which will see 22 hotels open across the UK.

Travelodge chief executive Guy Parsons said: "Despite the challenging consumer market, the demand for low-cost, good-quality hotels is a growing trend across the UK."

"We have been looking for some time to find the right site in Sittingbourne and we are delighted to be building at Bell Road. We will be offering rooms from £19, which will attract new business and leisure visitors to the town, helping to boost the local economy."

By the end of the year, Travelodge will have 540 hotels – equating to 40,000 rooms.

And with demand for branded budget hotels set to rise in the coming years, the company has increased its long-term growth targets.

Mr Parsons said: "Today's



consumers want the certainty and services offered by branded budget hotel operators.

"They are moving away in significant numbers from the independent, unbranded accommodation sector, much of which is of poor quality."

"This trend is set to grow further and Travelodge is stepping in to give customers what they want – a good night's sleep at an affordable price in great locations. In line with this

trend from consumers wanting budget accommodation, we have increased our growth targets and plan to have 1,100 hotels in Europe with more than 100,000 rooms by 2025."

Hotel industry consultant Melvin Gold said the budget end of the market was booming and had shown no signs of slowing down.

"The UK branded budget hotel sector has grown 10 per cent per annum in the past decade and exceeded 20 per cent in the prior decade," he said.

"It's the fastest-growing part of our industry and in the next two decades we can expect to see a UK budget hotel being built, opened or converted every five days."

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## Changes to state pension prove a double whammy for women

Paul Harding, director of Chevening Financial, looks at the dark side of equality

I ALREADY feel a little apprehensive as a man writing about women's equality.

And I certainly have no desire to blunder into the politics of it all. But it's a subject that's hard to ignore in the financial world right now.

We recently had a European legal judgement that will make it harder for insurers to take gender into account when determining risk, and this week all the talk is of the increase in the age at which women will be entitled to the state pension.

As ever, there are different ways of looking at this pension-age equalisation.

On the one hand, ignoring individual cases, why shouldn't the age at which men and women receive a state benefit be the same? Indeed, the fact that women tend to live longer on average means they will probably still get more from their state pension than a man receiving the same amount.

On the other hand, the changes are being brought in



**BALANCE:** Paul Harding points out that there are good and bad sides to equality for women

within a relatively short time period in pension-planning terms, in around seven to eight years. This makes it difficult for those with firm retirement plans already worked out (and they ought to be by now!) to make up any shortfalls.

There was, of course, never any prospect that the male retirement age would be lowered to create equality, but

to the women most affected it must feel like a double whammy to find equalisation followed so closely by the need to also increase the (now) universal retirement age.

Perhaps those most affected should be given special assistance? The political machinations are no doubt ongoing, but with an increasingly cost-conscious Exchequer this is unlikely and so thousands of women could find they miss out on a year or two of happy retirement.

For those affected by this, a good starting point would be to consult an independent financial adviser, who should be able to determine to what degree they may lose out. They can then help with any new planning that may be required while there is still time to act.

Maybe on this occasion it seems that the price of equality is painfully high.

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# Report shows red tape is tying up small businesses

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CHAMBER of Commerce bosses have called on Government to strip away burdensome employment legislation in a bid to stimulate growth and job-creation.

The plea was made after a British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) report found that sole traders blamed red tape for not taking on additional staff.

One in three of the 1,000 businessmen surveyed said forthcoming pension requirements formed the biggest new-employment barrier; dismissal rules and sickness absence were joint second most troublesome hurdles at 27 per cent.

Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce chief executive Jo James said the Government should do more to encourage job creation, particularly at the sole trader and SME level.

"The Government expects the private sector to replace the jobs being lost in the public sector, and it is therefore vitally important that potential new employers are supported in every way possible," she said. "There is a wealth of aspiring small businesses that have the potential and ability to expand and employ, but I know from experience that they find the associated red tape and legislation very daunting. Anything that eases this burden will be most welcome."

"In the meantime, I strongly advise anybody considering employing people to consult the chamber for advice and support. To successfully expand your business and employ others can be extremely satisfying and, although there are problems, they are not insurmountable."

BCC director of policy Adam Marshall said: "In the UK, the proportion of enterprises with no employees has increased each year since 2004. There are currently more than 3.6 million sole traders, and while not all of these people want or have the potential to expand, some do."



**LEGISLATION:** Calls to cut the red-tape barrier

"Businesses consistently state that employment regulation prevents them from taking on more staff. In an environment of high unemployment and weak economic growth, the Government has to look at how it can free up these business-owners to grow their enterprises."

"New entrepreneurs are more ambitious. Exempting new businesses from 2012 pension reforms in their first three years or until they have more than 10 employees would remove one of the biggest barriers to job creation."

"In addition, sole traders tell us that a reduced rate of employer National Insurance contribution would encourage individuals starting out on their own to take on their first staff member."

"While the Government has created initiatives to reduce the burden of red tape, some of these measures don't go far enough. The NI holiday created for start-ups is being used by fewer than 3,000 firms, suggesting it needs to be more flexible to allow businesses to benefit."

"In addition, the Government's move to exempt micro businesses from new regulation fails to take into account the vast amount of existing legislation. We have to get conditions right for these business-owners if we want more jobs, greater investment and stronger economic growth across the UK."

## BCC REPORT: KEY FINDINGS

■ One in three survey respondents who wanted to grow their business said that exemptions from employment law would encourage them to take on their first staff member.

■ One in two sole traders said a reduced or special rate of employer National Insurance contribution would incentivise them to hire.

■ Only 6 per cent of businessmen were unemployed immediately before setting up on their own.

■ Newer business-owners have greater ambitions to grow and create jobs. For those starting their own business, the ambition to take on staff decreases the longer a business has been in existence.

More than 45 per cent of sole traders operating for less than six months had ambitions to increase their staffing levels by half. This drops to a fifth among businesses that have been operating for more than three years.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

### Deaths a reminder of the need to take care

EIGHTEEN people in the South East lost their lives last year while working, figures show.

Health and Safety Executive (HSE) data showed a total of 171 employees across Britain died at work during the year. This comes after the record low of 2009, in which 147 workers – employed or self-employed – died.

HSE chair Judith Hackitt said: "The increase in the number of deaths in the last year is disappointing after an all-time low last year."

"However, we must remember that we still have one of the lowest rates of fatal injury anywhere in Europe."

"The fact that 171 people failed to come home from work to their loved ones last year reminds us all of what we are here to do."

"It is a stark reminder of the need to ensure that health and safety remains focused on the real risks which exist in workplaces, not on trivial and pointless paperwork."

"We all have a role to play – employers, employees and regulators – and leadership is fundamental to maintaining and improving our performance even further. In a world of work which is constantly changing, we must all continue to review what we do and how we do it and strive to become even more effective at managing risks which cost lives."

Based on available data (2007), Britain continues to have the lowest rate of fatal injuries to workers among the five leading industrial nations in Europe – Germany, France, Spain and Italy are the other four – for a six-year period.

## Airport hoping to benefit from the Olympics effect

**BIGGIN Hill bosses have submitted a revised application to Bromley Council to extend operating hours during the 2012 Olympics.**

The airport has reined in its original request after consulting neighbours.

The latest application, if rubber-stamped by council chiefs, will see arrivals land from 6.30am and departures

take off until 10pm during the peak weekdays.

Airport bosses have also asked for weekend and bank holiday operating hours to be extended.

Managing director Jenny Munro said: "Having listened carefully and responded to the concerns of our neighbours, we believe this new plan represents a constructive way forward."

"It is a significantly different plan and, if approved, would demonstrate that London Biggin Hill Airport is willing to support the national effort being made to welcome international visitors."

"Equally, and as important, the heritage of the Games has the potential to boost business opportunities and to bring in new jobs."

## Book tells us all how to make our own luck

ENTREPRENEUR Matt Kinsella has come a long way in the last 14 years.

The Whitstable-born businessman has started a number of IT companies and now invests in land and property.

What makes the 33-year-old's achievements more impressive is that at 19 he was living in a hostel for homeless teenagers. Since turning his life

around, Kinsella has listened to people telling him how lucky he was – something he found hard to swallow.

Ever the entrepreneur, he decided that if this is what people perceived to be 'luck' then he could teach them how to be lucky by writing a book.

"I wanted to help people see that anyone can create opportunities and make things happen if they really want to,"

said Kinsella. "This book tells my story and shows people how they can do it, too."

How To Be Lucky is available via Lulu.com.

A percentage of all sales will go to select charities, including homeless organisations and a microfinance charity that lends money to people in deprived countries to assist them in setting up in business.

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## Jobs fair returns due to great start

A SECOND employment fair is being planned for Margate following the success of the first.

More than 400 people attended the New Year Resolutions event in April, which was organised by Employ Thanet in partnership with Thanet's Gateway Plus and Jobcentre Plus.

Statistics compiled since the fair reveal that almost 20 per cent have gone on to find jobs.

The all-day event was attended by 12 employers including Marks & Spencer, Premier Inn, McDonald's and the Army, along with other organisations including Thanet College, Next Steps and Connexions.

A follow-up event is due to take place at the Gateway Plus in the autumn.

Thanet council cabinet member for partnerships Cllr Alasdair Bruce said: "The success we've seen from our first employment fair was nothing less than stunning, and to learn that so many people who attended have since found jobs is excellent news."

"Despite the tough times we find ourselves in, there are clearly still positions to be filled."

## Civil service eyes future workforce

YOUNG people learned more about the civil service at an event designed to attract students to the Fast Stream graduate recruitment programme.

The roadshow was organised by the Bexley Education Improvement Partnership and Bexley Aimhigher, and was held at Normandy Primary School with youngsters attending from across the borough.

A survey afterwards revealed that 61 per cent of students would consider a career in the civil service, and 94 per cent said the event had made them more likely to go to university.

Bexley council cabinet member for education Cllr John Fuller said: "The event was aimed at inspiring students and encouraging them to aim higher, and it's certainly done that."

"It's not only raised our students' awareness of careers within the civil service and introduced them to the graduate recruitment programme, but motivated them to aim for a place at university too."

Visit [faststream.civilservice.gov.uk](http://faststream.civilservice.gov.uk).

# Minister says – we'll get you back to work

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THE Government has refuted criticism that its new Work Programme aimed at helping people back into employment could be doomed to fail in some areas.

Under the new scheme that began last month, approved providers – mostly private companies – will try to find jobs for benefits claimants on a payment-by-results basis.

According to a study by the Work Foundation think tank, there is a danger contractors will cherry-pick parts of the country where they are more likely to get results. This would then leave places like Thanet, which has 44 benefits claimants for every one job advertised, out in the cold.

But Tory employment minister Chris Grayling has rejected the criticism.

He said: "Private and voluntary sector organisations will have the freedom to create the support that works locally for them."

"In return these providers will be paid by results, with higher rewards for getting the hardest to help off benefits, into work and staying in work."

"The Work Programme is a completely new approach and is a huge milestone in the delivery of the Government's radical welfare reforms."

"In Kent there are currently more than 3,900 people who have been claiming jobseeker's allowance for more than a year."

"Now they will get the tailored and personalised support they need to get into work as part of the biggest shake-up of the welfare system in a generation."

Jobseekers over 25 become eligible for help through the Work Programme after a

year, and under-25s after nine months. Some younger people in certain circumstances, like young offenders, will be eligible after a shorter period of time.

Mr Grayling said: "Thousands of people in Kent have been left to languish on benefits over the years, without the support they need and deserve."

"They may feel they have little to offer and the only option is to remain on benefits, but I know many of them want to return to work and now they will have the help they need to do so."

"Organisations in Kent will be able to use their local expertise and knowledge to help people with real difficulties get back to work rather than having to follow a strict national structure."

There are currently almost 4,400 job vacancies available through Jobcentre Plus alone in Kent, and Mr Grayling said the Government was working with private enterprise to continue to create job opportunities in every community.

He added: "Some of the people claiming long-term benefits will be too sick or disabled to have a realistic chance of returning to work, and they will continue to receive our unconditional support."

"Our reforms are not about forcing people back to work if they are unable to do so."

"But every group I have met that works with disabled people says that far more of them want to be in mainstream employment."



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### Creativity alive and well as UCA students continue to find careers

GRADUATE employment levels at the University for the Creative Arts have risen to an all-time high.

A national survey found that 90 per cent of all full-time UCA undergraduates who completed their studies in 2009-10 were in employment or further education six months after graduation.

Overall the university's unemployment figure fell to 8.6 per cent compared to 15.6 per cent in 2009, despite the national

average doubling to about 20 per cent during the recession.

Careers service manager Paula Clark said: "The careers service has worked closely with academics to ensure UCA graduates leave university with excellent employment prospects.

"In particular, the participation of students and new graduates in internships, including UCA's own internship scheme, has led to more graduates securing permanent positions within the creative sector."

UCA has five campuses – including in Canterbury, Rochester and Maidstone – which are home to more than 7,000 students from more than 70 countries.

In recent years graduates have gone on to work for local theatres, galleries and well-known brand names including Karen Millen, Gap, Ralph Lauren, Ted Baker, Arcadia and the BBC. About 12 per cent of graduates have also set up their own businesses.

### Ritz chef wins award for VQ success story

A YOUNG chef has been named the regional Vocational Qualification (VQ) Learner of the Year.

Adam Smith, 23, from Orpington, Bromley, was selected as a stand-out winner from about 200 applicants after impressing a panel of education experts with his varied achievements across the hospitality sector.

Starting out at the Birmingham College of Food and Tourism, Adam undertook an NVQ Level 1 and 2 in food preparation and cooking.

He impressed his tutors so much that a senior lecturer recommended him to the executive chef at the Ritz, John Williams, who offered the young talent a coveted position there as chef.

Adam has since been promoted to premier sous chef – a job usually held by someone at least 10 years his senior – and also picked up a gold medal for cooking at the World Skills 2009 competition.

His Learner of the Year crown was handed to him as part of VQ Day, which was led by the independent education foundation Edge.

Chief executive Peter Mitchell said: "We believe every young person should be given the opportunity to succeed with access to practical and vocational learning as well as academic study, and those who choose to do so should have their achievements celebrated.

"With the Government showing increasing support for vocational pathways, the tide is turning in our favour.

"Vocational qualifications have never been more important to the economy and the individ-



**TALENT:** VQ Learner of the Year Adam Smith

ual; they deliver the trained, talented employees businesses are crying out for and ensure young people have the skills needed to succeed in work and life."

Last March a Government-commissioned review of vocational training by education expert Professor Alison Wolf recognised Kent's training centres as "beacons of excellence" that ensure young people can access the specialist programmes they want.

There are currently a number of stand-alone vocational centres across the county.

### Carbon footprint plan leaves mark on judges as students land award

ECO-FRIENDLY students from Canterbury's Chaucer Technology School won a competition for their plans to cut the school's carbon footprint by half.

The youngsters picked up the Frank Manning award for "going the extra mile" at the recent Engineering Education Scheme event held at the University of Kent.

Consisting of students Phil Clark, Louise Reade, Chantelle Martin and Libby Norton, the

Chaucer team finished ahead of several top independent and grammar schools to take the prize.

The challenge was set by engineers at Cummins Power Generation, of which Mark Bargent is the applied technology manager.

He said: "I was extremely impressed with their project findings and recommendations

"They did both the school and themselves proud, and it was an absolute success for all.

"It was a truly wonderful sight to see their faces, and indeed their teachers', when they were announced as winners of the Frank Manning trophy for special achievement.

"It's also great to be part of an industry/academic partnership that will deliver so much to the children, school and environment all at the same time, as well as our own staff."

The students have now applied for funding to implement their proposals.



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The chosen individual will be a good team player who will be dedicated to designing scale replicas of some of the most inspiring and exciting vehicles on the road, rail, sea or air.

Our ideal candidate should be educated to Degree level in a suitable design or engineering discipline, although we are happy to receive applications from individuals who have served an engineering/toolmaking apprenticeship who have the relevant product design experience required for the post.

If you believe that you fit the above specification and have Pro Engineer experience, please write giving details of current remuneration package, enclosing your covering letter and CV to:

Julie Jefferys  
Hornby  
Westwood, Margate, Kent CT9 4JX  
[julie.jefferys@hornby.com](mailto:julie.jefferys@hornby.com)  
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You will be required to attend four committee meetings a year, plus the AGM. Other limited attendance at meetings may be required from time to time. This is an unpaid appointment but normal expenses to meetings can be reimbursed. A working knowledge of mediation is not essential.

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity, please send your CV with a covering letter to POBox 482, Ashford, Kent TN23 9PY. The closing date for applications is **29th July 2011**.

If you would like to have an informal discussion with the outgoing Chair, please contact **Robert Gordon-James** on **01580 292439**.

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To apply, send a CV and covering letter explaining how you meet the requirements of the post to the Clerk by Friday, 29th July 2011.

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## Supervising Social Worker

To supervise the work of a case file of foster carers on behalf of the agency

### KEY SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

The candidate must have DipSW or equivalent and registered with GSCC. Must have good communication and assessment skills and experience of working with looked after children and supervising foster carers. Also, to be able to prepare reports and child and foster carer assessments. Must be able to drive and have use of a car and to have basic IT skills.

**Salary Scale:** £30K to £35K depending on experience or qualifications

Full time 37.5 hours per week

**Benefits:** Car allowance, enhancement for Out of Hours, Work Mobile Phone and Laptop

**Work base:** Head Office Lydd, Romney Marsh, Kent  
Satellite Office Tonbridge, Kent

## Fostering Manager Designate

Supervision of Social Work and support staff

### KEY SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

The candidate must have CQSW or DipSW and two years post qualifying experience. Must also be registered with GSCC. Also good communication and assessment skills and experience of supervising social work staff and working with looked after children. Must also be able to prepare reports. Full Driving Licence and have good IT skills.

**Salary Scale:** £28K to £45K depending on experience or qualifications

Full time 37.5 hours per week

**Benefits:** Car allowance, enhancement for Out of Hours

**Work base:** Head Office Lydd, Romney Marsh, Kent

For both positions, please contact  
David Burton 01797 322226 [d.burton@credocare.co.uk](mailto:d.burton@credocare.co.uk) or  
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#### Horticultural Support Worker

Horticultural / gardening experience required. 37.5 hours a week on a flexible basis - Monday to Friday. Hourly rate £6.55 but enhancements considered for those with appropriate experience and qualifications. Experience of working with people with complex needs and who present challenging behaviours is required.

#### Community Support Workers - MOST (Paddock Wood)

Full current driving licence and access to a vehicle for work purposes is essential. A mileage allowance is payable. Hourly rate from £7.20 - £7.70 dependent on experience and qualifications (includes 30p per hour mobility enhancement).

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For an informal discussion or to arrange a visit to the College, please contact Ian Rule, Director of Finance on 01634 383167 or email [ian.rule@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:ian.rule@midkent.ac.uk)

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Please visit [www.thomasaveling.co.uk](http://www.thomasaveling.co.uk) for further details of the post and an application form.

Completed applications to be sent to Mr S Rayner, Finance & Business Manager to the school address or by e-mail to [srayner@thomasaveling.co.uk](mailto:srayner@thomasaveling.co.uk)

**Closing date for applications: Wednesday 13th July 2011**

*Short-listed candidates only will be contacted for interview which will take place place w/c 18th July 2011*

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### PLANNING

#### Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

**11/01738/HOUSE** **Standen Barn Standen Street, Benenden**

- Replacement 3.5 bay garage with associated landscaping, new access gate and fencing to entrance, new hedge and access gate to driveway (LB)

**11/01839/HOUSE** **The Lodge Swaylands, Bidborough**

- Lean-to shed (LB)

**11/01840/LBC** **The Lodge Swaylands, Bidborough**

- Listed Building Consent - Lean-to shed (LB)

**11/01699/FUL** **Flat 1 North Wing Sissinghurst Castle, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**

- Change of use of flat 1, North Range to provide office accommodation for National Trust staff and volunteers, and minor alterations to the building (LB)

**11/01807/FUL** **Former Stable Block Adjacent To Castlemaine House Maidstone Road, Horsmonden**

- Three-bedroom bungalow (LB)

**11/01854/LBC** **Strict Baptist Chapel Town Hill, Lamberhurst**

- Listed Building Consent - Extend brick on edge either side of steps, to extend area of victorian pavers at top of steps, to shorten railings and to make a paved circulation area on the north east all to the front of the chapel (LB)

**11/01794/FUL** **Longbrooks Farm Knowle Road, Paddock Wood**

- Barn 30m x 10m, 58% for storage of farm machinery and hay from the holding, 42% stables and equestrian. Sand school, 22m x 60m (PROV) (LB)

**11/01795/FUL** **Longbrooks Farm Knowle Road, Paddock Wood**

- New shared replacement drive, 3.7m wide, to access Longbrooks Farmhouse and Hawkbrand House (LB)

**11/01884/FUL** **47 High Street Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**

- Widen existing dormer to front elevation from two light to three light width and replace second floor side window (CA)

**11/01853/FUL** **32 High Street Pembury, Pembury**

- Change of use from flats (C3) to accommodation for junior doctors and nurses (Sui Generis) with accompanying laundry building (CA) (LB)

**11/01818/HOUSE** **Little Sponden Sponden Lane, Sandhurst**

- Single-storey rear extension (LB)

**11/01819/LBC** **Little Sponden Sponden Lane, Sandhurst**

- Listed Building Consent - Single-storey rear extension (LB)

**11/01821/HOUSE** **Old Chapel House Bodiam Road, Sandhurst**

- Single storey rear extension (LB)

**11/01848/HOUSE** **Bentham Hill Stables Stockland Green Road, Southborough North**

- Internal and external alterations, including 3 No dormer windows and conversion of existing garage (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROV) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website ([www.tunbridgegells.gov.uk](http://www.tunbridgegells.gov.uk)), at The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to [planningcomments@tunbridgegells.gov.uk](mailto:planningcomments@tunbridgegells.gov.uk) or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe  
Head of Planning Services  
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS  
Dated: 09 July 2011



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### COUNCIL NOTICES

#### Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School and Kent County Council

##### Report of Local Government Ombudsman

The Local Government Ombudsman has issued a report following her investigation of 8 complaints against Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School and Kent County Council. The complaints were about school admissions matters. The Ombudsman found that there had been maladministration on the part of the Council and School. This caused injustice to the complainants.

Copies of the report will be available for public inspection on the school website [www.twggs.kent.sch.uk](http://www.twggs.kent.sch.uk) or during normal office hours by contacting the Admissions Office at Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School, Southfield Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN11 9JJ, for three weeks starting on 7th July 2011. Anyone is entitled to take copies of the report or extracts from it. Copies will be supplied at a reasonable charge.

Because maladministration was found, the School and Council must now consider the report. The School has already fully considered the recommendations and has successfully implemented these for admissions to TWGGS for September 2011, as reflected in the Ombudsman's report. The Local Government Ombudsman's Office has confirmed that she is completely satisfied with the School's actions regarding these matters.

The Council must tell the Ombudsman within three months (or such longer period as she may agree) the action it has taken or proposes to take on the report.

### PLANNING

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

##### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

##### NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13(4) or (5) OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

**KCC/TM/0280/2011 - Proposed development at Electricity Sub Station, Stangate Landfill Site, Mill Lane, Borough Green, Kent TN15 8RA**

Infinis Plc is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for variation of condition 2 of planning permission TM/95/1698 to allow the retention and continued operation of the electricity sub-station associated with the Stangate Gas Utilisation Plant until 31 July 2025.

**KCC/TM/0282/2011 – Proposed development at Gas Utilisation Plant, Stangate Landfill Site, Quarry Hill Road, Borough Green, Kent TN15 8RA**

Infinis Plc is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for the retention of the Gas Utilisation Plant until 31 July 2025, the installation and operation of a Vykson landfill gas engine, low calorific flare, retention of site offices and landscaping.

You may view these applications at Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4LZ or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

**Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at [www.kent.gov.uk/planning](http://www.kent.gov.uk/planning).**

We accept comments online via our website, by email to [planning.applications@kent.gov.uk](mailto:planning.applications@kent.gov.uk) or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons.

Sharon Thompson  
Head of Planning  
Applications Group  
Kent County Council  
Dated: 10 July 2011



## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

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To register Births, Marriages and Deaths contact the Kent registration service on 0845 824 7400

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### BIRTHS

#### BISHOP

Lauren and Mark Bishop celebrate the birth of their son Donovan on 13th June, 2011. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure for ever.

#### DE LA HAYE

Elliot David James born on 28th June, 2011, weighing 7lb 3oz. Son to Charley De La Haye and Kai Tyrrell. Little brother to Megan.

#### DOWNTON

Peter and Rebecca are proud to announce the birth of their baby son Edward Frank Downton, born on 3rd June, 2011. Big sister Emma is delighted.

#### JEFFERYS

Andrew and Karen Jefferys are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Katherine Sophie Faith on 27th

June, 2011, a baby sister to Joseph.

#### LONG

Simon and Gemma celebrate the birth of their son Ethan Matthew Thomas Long on 21st June, 2011, weighing 9lb.

### DEATHS

#### FINCHAM

Ethel Doris Fincham passed away peacefully, after a brief illness, on 27th June, 2011. Sadly missed by family and friends.

#### GEE

Alan Gee of Newcastle Upon Tyne passed away peacefully on the 4th July, 2011. Loving Gramps to Daisy, Amelia and Alexander. Sorely missed by Kate and Lucy.

#### GLYNN

Patricia Mary Cecilia (nee Liddiard) died peacefully on 30th

June, 2011. Beloved mother of Natasha and Jackie, dearest granny to Jacob and Georgina and a much loved sister. Funeral service on 6th July, 2011, at Our Lady Of Good Counsel Church, Hythe, at 10am. Family flowers. Donations to the Pilgrims Hospice, Ashford, Kent, or MacMillan Cancer Care, c/o Hambrook and Johns, Hythe.

#### WOOD

Dorothy Edna Wood, nee Baldock, on 3rd July, 2011, aged 86. Dearly loved mother of Michael, Nigel and Vanessa, grandmother of Maria, Lewis, Robert, Julian and Michael and great grandmother of Millie and Alfie. Funeral service at Vinters Park Crematorium on Friday, 15th July, at 11am. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research.

### PLANNING

#### THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL Town and Country Planning Act Notice of Applications

**MA/11/0761/S** - 1, WESTBROOK, MILL STREET, LOOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0ED - Retrospective application for listed building consent for the installation of an external flue to serve replacement boiler. **Reason: 3**

**MA/11/0806/S** - LAND AT ANDROMEDA, HEATH ROAD, COXHEATH - Variation of conditions 8 and 9 of planning permission MA/03/2258 to exclude the provision of landscaping to the eastern boundary. **Reason: 6**

**MA/11/0843/S** - 2, THE GREEN, LOWER ROAD, SUTTON VALENCE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3BH - Retrospective application for erection of decking at rear of dwelling. **Reason: 1, 2**

**MA/11/0931/N** - 7, PLANTATION LANE, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 4BH - Erection of a first floor side extension, two storey side and rear extension and a rear conservatory. **Reason: 1**

**MA/11/0962/N** - SAYWELL FARM, BEDMONTON, WORMSHILL, SITTINGBOURNE, KENT, ME9 0EH - Extensions and adaptations to the house. Demolition of existing stables, concrete garage, timber garage, external walls, a tree and terrace area. Erection of new stables and new outbuilding housing a double garage and home office. **Reason: 1**

**MA/11/0963/N** - SAYWELL FARM, BEDMONTON, WORMSHILL, SITTINGBOURNE, KENT, ME9 0EH - An application for listed building consent for extensions and adaptations to the house. Demolition of existing stables, concrete garage, timber garage, external walls, a tree and terrace area. Erection of new stables and new outbuilding housing a double garage and home office. **Reason: 3**

**MA/11/0965/S** - SOUTHGATE BARN, HIGH BANKS, LOOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0EQ - Change of use of offices to two dwellings with parking and landscaping. **Reason: 2**

**MA/11/0968/N** - BREWERS HOUSE, ASHFORD ROAD, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 4NN - An application for listed building consent for the installation of a larger replacement window to first floor. **Reason: 3**

**MA/11/0992/S** - 11A, HIGH STREET, LENHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2QD - Change of use from C3 Dwellinghouse to A2 Solicitors Office. **Reason: 1, 2**

**MA/11/0995/N** - 3 - 5, BREWER STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1RU - Change of use from A1 (retail) to a mixed use of B1 (offices) and D2 (dance academy). **Reason: 2**

#### Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 6 - Application is Major Development.



Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **24th July 2011**, quoting the application number.

**Rob Jarman**, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 10th July 2011



HIGHWAYS



OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2011

The Open Golf Championship will take place this year in Sandwich between 10th and 17th July 2011.

Thousands of spectators are expected to attend the championship throughout the week, increasing to some 50,000 per day as the final match play approaches.

A multi-agency traffic plan will be in place during the event to enable the large volumes of visitors to get to and from the Golf course, whilst accommodating the needs of residents and businesses.

Please remember to plan additional time for any journeys, particularly during the peak hours of 7.00 - 11.00 am and 4.00 - 8.00 pm.

For further information, please see [www.opengolfsandwich.co.uk](http://www.opengolfsandwich.co.uk)

OPEN GOLF TEMPORARY TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

Kent County Council has made Orders to introduce the following temporary restrictions for the safety of the public and to maintain a free flow of traffic during the Open Golf Championship.

These restrictions are made under The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by The Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991.

The Orders take effect on or after 12 July 2011, remain in force until 18 July 2011 and will cease to have effect on completion of the Open Golf Championship.

The roads affected and nature of the restrictions are as described below.

VARIOUS ROADS, SANDWICH (TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

**DEAL ROAD, SANDWICH**  
(Shown on some maps as Dover Road)  
All northbound traffic except permit holders will be prohibited, from the junction with Dover Road.

**NEW STREET, SANDWICH**  
No Right Turn southbound from New Street into St Bart's Road, except buses & HGVs.

**DELFSIDE, SANDWICH**  
Road closed to traffic at the junction with St Georges Road. (Access for residents only)

**DOVER ROAD, SANDWICH**  
All traffic prohibited, except emergency vehicles, at the roundabout junction with the A256 and A258 - 'Water Gardens' Roundabout.

**GALLIARD STREET, SANDWICH**  
No Entry southbound from Galliard Street into New Street, except buses, from 6.00 am until 10.00 pm

**HIGH STREET, SANDWICH**  
Road closed between Strand Street and the Toll Bridge.  
No Left Turn from High Street towards Ramsgate Road at the junction with The Quay from 6.00 am until 2.00 pm  
Access to The Quay will be maintained.

**MONKS WAY, SANDWICH**  
No Entry Sandwich-bound except buses and HGVs, from the exit of the second roundabout (by Pfizer's car park).

**ST BART'S ROAD, SANDWICH**  
No Right Turn from St Bart's Road into Deal Road, except buses & HGVs, from 6.00 am until 10.00 pm

**ST GEORGE'S ROAD, SANDWICH**  
No Right Turn from St George's Road into New Street, except buses & HGVs, between 6.00 am and 2.00 pm.

*The following roads will become One Way only with the direction of traffic flowing towards the event in the morning and away from the event in the afternoons, known as 'Tidal Flow'*

**RAMSGATE ROAD, SANDWICH**  
All southbound traffic prohibited except permit holders, from the junction with Willowbank. Will become one way only between the junctions with Willowbank and The High Street

6.00 am to 2.00 pm - southbound only  
2.00 pm to 10.00 pm - northbound only

**KNIGHTRIDER STREET, SANDWICH**  
Will become One Way only between the junctions with The Quay and Sandown Road  
6.00 am to 2.00 pm - southbound only  
2.00 pm to 10.00 pm - northbound only

**SANDOWN ROAD, SANDWICH**  
Will become One Way only between the junctions with Knightrider Street and St George's Road  
6.00 am to 2.00 pm - eastbound only  
2.00 pm to 10.00 pm - westbound only

No Entry westbound on Sandown Road from a point immediately west of the junction with St George's Road from 6.00 am until 2.00 pm.

Afternoon only - No Entry from the junction with the western exit of the Green Car Park eastbound from 2.00 pm until 10.00 pm.

The junction with Manwood Road will be closed, with access to Manwood Road maintained from St George's Road.

**UPPER STRAND STREET, SANDWICH**  
Will become One Way only between the junctions with High Street and Knightrider Street  
6.00 am to 2.00 pm - eastbound only  
2.00 pm to 10.00 pm - westbound only

VARIOUS ROADS, DEAL (TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

**ETHELBERT ROAD, DEAL**  
Will be closed at junction with Golf Road.  
Residents advised to use Sandown Road for access.

**GOLF ROAD, DEAL**  
All northbound traffic prohibited except permit holders, from the junction with Ethelbert Road.  
Road closed immediately to the South of the junction with Godwyn Road.

The junction with Redhouse Wall will be closed. Residents of Redhouse Wall can access their properties via Royal Cinque Ports Visitor Car Park.

**GOLF ROAD, DEAL / GUILFORD ROAD, SHOLDEN / ANCIENT HIGHWAY, WORTH**  
These roads will become One Way only, from a point immediately north of 138 Golf Road, including the entire length of Guilford Road and Ancient Highway to the junction with Waldershare Avenue  
6.00am to 2.00pm - northbound only  
2.00pm to 10.00pm - southbound only.

Cyclists and horse riders will be prohibited between 6.00 am and 10.00 pm on the sections of these roads described in the preceding paragraph.

VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER (TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

**VENSON ROAD, EASTRY** - will be closed at the junction with the northbound carriageway of the A256 Dover Road.

The alternative routes are  
**Westbound** via A256, Dover Road, Eastry and Pike Road.

**Eastbound** via Pike Road and Dover Road, Eastry  
**DOVER ROAD, TILMANSTONE** - will be closed at the exit from the northbound carriageway of the A256 into Dover Road, except for bus access. Residents advised to access Dover Road at its junction with Barville Road.

**KENNEL HILL, TILMANSTONE** - the exit from Kennel Hill onto the northbound carriageway of the A256 closed between 6.00 am and 11.00 am. Residents advised to use Sandwich Road as diversion.

**BARVILLE ROAD, WALDESHARE** - No Right Turn from Barville Road eastbound into the temporary Park and Ride site.

A256 DOVER ROAD & WHITFIELD BY-PASS, DOVER AREA (50 MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

A temporary mandatory speed limit of 50 mph will be imposed on the A256 Dover Road and Whitfield By-pass, Sutton, Tilmanstone and Eastry, as described below.

On the northbound carriageway, from the junction with Sandwich Road, Whitfield to Eastry Roundabout.

On the southbound carriageway, from the junction with Eastry Roundabout to the roundabout junction with Boys Hill / Barville Road.

VARIOUS ROADS, DEAL AND SANDWICH (PARKING & WAITING RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

The existing waiting restrictions, loading restrictions and on-street parking in certain streets in Deal and Sandwich will be suspended or amended as follows.

There will be no waiting at any time and no loading or unloading between 7.00 am and 11.00 am and between 4.00 pm and 8.00 pm (except where otherwise stated) on the sections of roads shown below.

SANDWICH

**DEAL ROAD** - for its entire length - except Taxis when signs are on site identifying the exclusion zone.

**ST GEORGE'S ROAD** - for its entire length

**ST GEORGE'S LEES** - for its entire length

**DELFSIDE** - for its entire length

**SANDOWN ROAD** - for its entire length, with the exception of any bays with no signage.

**GUILFORD ROAD** - for its entire length

**KNIGHTRIDER STREET** - from the junction with The Quay to the junction with Sandown Road

**THE QUAY** - for its entire length, with the exception of any bays with no signage

**UPPER STRAND STREET** - for its entire length

**RAMSGATE ROAD** - from its junction with the A256 to its junction with The Quay

**MONKS WAY** - for its entire length

**STRAND STREET** - for its entire length, with the exception of any bays with no signage

**ASH ROAD** - for its entire length

**ST BART'S ROAD** - from the junction with New Street to the eastern-most boundary of property no. 127

**NEW STREET** - from the junction with Deal Road to the junction with Galliard Street

No Waiting at any time and No Loading/Unloading (except buses) - between 6.00 am and 10.00 pm.

DEAL

THE MARINA, DEAL

**East Side** - from the junction with Godwyn Road to the junction with Albion Road

**West Side** - from the junction with Godwyn Road to the junction with Harold Road

GODWYN ROAD, DEAL

**South Side** - for its entire length

**North Side** - from the junction with Golf Road for a distance of 20 metres eastbound

**North Side** - from the junction with The Marina for a distance of 20 metres westbound

**GOLF ROAD, DEAL** - from the junction with Godwyn Road to its northernmost point

**GUILFORD ROAD, SHOLDEN** - for its entire length

**ANCIENT HIGHWAY, WORTH** - for its entire length

**GUILFORD ROAD, WORTH** - for its entire length

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HIGHWAYS - Borough of Ashford

**BEAVER ROAD, ASHFORD**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)**  
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Beaver Road, Ashford, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Bond Road and Norman Road.

The alternative route is via Jemmett Road and Bond Road.

**A28 CANTERBURY ROAD, GODMERSHAM**  
**(30 MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

For the safety of the public and workforce during bridge strengthening works, Kent County Council has made an Order to impose a temporary mandatory speed limit of 30 mph on the A28 Canterbury Road, Godmersham, on or after 11 July 2011 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The section of road affected is from a point approximately 680 metres south west of Godmersham Bridge extending north eastwards to a point north east of the junction with The Street, approximately 500 metres from Godmersham Bridge, as defined by signage.

This Order is in force when the relevant signs are displayed on site.

**FINN FARM ROAD, KINGSNORTH**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)**  
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of urgent repairs to the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Finn Farm Road, Kingsnorth, on or after 28 July 2011 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed to the west of the bridge over the A2070.

The alternative route is via Church Hill, Ashford Road, Hamstreet Road, Capel Road, Stone Cross Road, Ashford Road and Brockmans Lane.

**THE STREET, MERSHAM**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)**  
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Street, Mersham, on or after 28 July 2011 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between A20 Hythe Road and Old Rectory Close.

The alternative route is via The Street, Bower Road, Station Road and A20 Hythe Road.

It is hoped the works will be completed in one day. If not, the road will be re-opened then closed the following day.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

**CHURCH LANE, STURRY**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)**  
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Lane, Sturry, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in sections along its length.

There is no alternative route, as Church Lane is a No Through Road. Every effort will be made to maintain access for residents whenever it is safe to do so.

There will only be limited access to The Hamels, as it is also a No Through Road.

**GILES LANE, CANTERBURY**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)**  
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through

traffic on Giles Lane, Canterbury, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 10 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases from Gorsefield to the junction with University Road.

The alternative route is via A290 Whitstable Road, St Thomas Hill, Whitstable Road, Forty Acres Road, Beaconsfield Road, St Stephen's Hill and Giles Lane.

**GROVE ROAD, WICKHAMBREAUX**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)**  
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of the installation of a new transformer and road crossing for a new electrical supply, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Grove Road, Wickhambreaux, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Nether Quaives and Kelsey Farms.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with The List and Green Lane.

The alternative routes are

North eastwards (towards Grove) via Wickham Court Lane, Hollybush Lane, Stodmarsh Road and Grove Road.

South westwards (towards Wickhambreaux) via Grove Road, The Street, Preston Lane, Preston Road, Preston Hill, High Street, Wingham, A257 Canterbury Road, Nargate Street and Wickham Road.

**STUPPINGTON LANE & RENVILLE FARM ROAD, CANTERBURY**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)**  
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to re-waterproof and resurface bridge decks over the A2, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Stuppington Lane & Renville Farm Road, Canterbury, on or after 31 July 2011 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

**STUPPINGTON LANE, CANTERBURY** will be closed from 31 July 2011 for up to 4 weeks.

The alternative route is via Merton Lane, B2068 Nackington Lane, Old Dover Road, Ethelbert Road and South Canterbury Road.

**RENVILLE FARM ROAD, CANTERBURY** will be closed from 31 July 2011 for up to 4 weeks.

The alternative route is via Renville Farm Road, A2050 New Dover Road, A2 New Dover Road on/off slip, Bifrons Hill, Bekesbourne Road and A2050 New Dover Road

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURNS)**  
**(A256 EYTHORNE AND TILMANSTONE)**  
**(TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER JUNE 2011**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under Sections 1(1) and (2), 2(1) to (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order introduces no right turns from the A256 Dover Road at Eythorne and no right turns from the A256 Dover Road at Tilmanstone except for buses.

The Order was made on 29 June 2011 and came into force on 29 June 2011

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover and Sessions House Maidstone during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

**NAPIER ROAD & HOBART CRESCENT, DOVER**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)**  
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Napier Road & Hobart Crescent, Dover, on or after 11 July 2011 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between 47 Hobart Crescent and 63 Napier Road.

The alternative route is via Hobart Crescent or Napier Road.

**NAPIER ROAD, BROADSTAIRS**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)**  
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of drainage repair works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Napier Road, Broadstairs, on or after 11 July 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside number 4.

The alternative route is via Church Street, Northdown Road and Magdala Road.

**RUSHAM ROAD, WINGHAM & WATERWORKS HILL, LANGDON**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)**  
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Rusham Road, Wingham & Waterworks Hill, Langdon, as shown below.

**RUSHAM ROAD, WINGHAM** will be closed between the junctions with Nash Road and Beaute Lane from 25 July 2011 for up to 4 days

The alternative route is via Nash Road, A257 Pedding Hill, A257 Roman Road and Beaute Lane

**WATERWORKS HILL, LANGDON** will be closed between the junctions with Forge Lane and Winkland Oaks Lane from 1 August 2011 for up to 2 days

The alternative route is via Forge Lane, Vale Road, Wington Lane and Winkland Oaks Lane

**THE KENT COUNTY**  
**COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, DISTRICT OF DOVER)**  
**(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING**  
**PLACES) (AMENDMENT NO. 6) ORDER 2011**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under sections 1, 2 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of this Order will be to introduce a prohibition of waiting at any time on the following lengths

**PUDDING LANE** On the eastern side from the junction with The Street for a distance of 29.5m in a southerly direction.

On the western side from the junction with The Street for a distance of 23.5m in a southerly direction.

**FIVEWAYS RISE, DEAL** On both sides from the junction with London Road for a distance of 10m in a south-westerly direction

**DOVER ROAD, WALMER** From a point 10m north east of the junction with Lawn Road for a distance of 5m

Full details are contained in the draft Order which together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined on Mondays to Fridays in the offices of Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Dover, between 9.00am and 5.00pm and at Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone during normal open hours from 10 July 2011.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order, you should send the grounds for your objection in writing to The Transportation and Development Manager, East Kent Area, Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to td.eastkent@kent.gov.uk by noon on 1 August 2011.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham

**FERGUSON AVENUE, GRAVESEND**  
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)**  
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Ferguson Avenue, Gravesend for its entire length.

The Order will become effective on 11th July 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 18 months. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate demolition works and construction of new buildings

HIGHWAYS - District of Maidstone

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE)**  
**(PROHIBITION OF WAITING)**

**AMENDMENT 9**  
**ORDER 2011**

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under sections 1 (1) 2 (1) to (3), 3 (2), 4 (1) and (2), 32 (1) 45, 46, 49, and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The Order will amend the Kent County Council (Borough of Maidstone) Waiting Restrictions Consolidation 2008 Order by introducing no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on the following lengths of road in Maidstone:

<b>James Whatman Way (North/South Arm)</b>	<b>East</b>	From a point 102m south of the centre line of James Whatman Way (east/west arm) for its entire length in a northerly direction.
	<b>West</b>	From a point 30m north of the centre line of James Whatman Way (east/west arm) for its entire length in a northerly direction.
<b>James Whatman Way (East/West Arm)</b>	<b>Both</b>	From a point at the junction with the north/south arm of James Whatman Way in an easterly direction for its entire length to include around the central traffic island

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send your grounds for your observations in writing to the Transport and Development Manager Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD by 12 noon on 1 August 2011

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

**NIGHTINGALE LANE (BACK LANE), SUNDRIDGE -**  
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY**  
**ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY**  
**RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Nightingale Lane (Back Lane), Sundridge between B2042 Wheatshaf Hill and Little Norman Street.

The Order will become effective on 11th July 2011. It will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The restriction will be effective when required and when the appropriate signage is in place. The works are planned to commence 16th July 2011 and last for 1 week.

For further information, please contact  
Kent Highway Services,  
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)  
or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)





The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Wheatsheaf Hill, Coopers Corner, Camberwell Lane, Ide Hill Road, Great Norman Street and Little Norman Street

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate installation of new power cable.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

**BROAD STREET, MONKS HORTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of repairs to a defective area within the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Broad Street, Monks Horton, on or after 11 July 2011 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

Broad Street (shown on some maps as Southenay Lane) will be closed between the junctions with Fiddling Lane and Church Lane.

The alternative route is via Fiddling Lane, Whiteways (Scott's Lane) and Church Lane.

**CASTLE HILL AVENUE, FOLKESTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of repairs to defective areas within the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, on or after 11 July 2011 for up to 2 nights or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Sandgate Road and Shorncliffe Road.

The closures are between 7.00 pm and 5.00 am each night with the road re-opened outside these hours.

The alternative route is via A259 Shorncliffe Road, Earls Avenue and A2033 Sandgate Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Swale

**PERRY WOOD, SELLING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide a new electricity supply, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Perry Wood, Selling, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of Sand Bank Farm.

The alternative route is via Grove Road, Reynolds Grove Road, Pickens Forstal and Perry Wood.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, BREDGAR AND TUNSTALL, SWALE) (40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2011**

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Orders under section 84(1), (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The effect of the proposed Order will introduce a 40 mph speed limit on the following roads or lengths of road:

**BREDGAR ROAD** from the junction with Rookery Close for a distance of 420 metres in an easterly direction and 220 metres in a westerly direction to the existing 30 mph speed limit terminal.

**SWANTON STREET** from the junction with Bashford Barn Lane for a distance of 600 metres in a southerly direction and 375 metres in a northerly direction to the existing 30 mph speed limit terminal.

The Order was sealed on 1st July 2011 and will come into force on 11th July 2011

Full details are contained in the Order, which together with the relevant plans, statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which have been amended by the Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

**VARIOUS ROADS, SITTINGBOURNE (TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

For the safety of the public during gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to reverse the One-way Traffic Order in respect of Terrace Road, Harold Road and Thomas Road, Sittingbourne.

This Order takes effect on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed, and is valid when the appropriate signs are displayed on site.

The effect of the order is that traffic will now flow westbound in Thomas Road, southbound in the section of Harold Road between Thomas Road and Terrace Road, and eastbound in Terrace Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

**BROADLEY ROAD, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of the likelihood of danger to the public due to flooding and subsidence, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Broadley Road, Margate, on or after 12 July 2011 for up to 18 months.

The road will be closed between St Peter's Footpath and the junction with Dane Valley Road.

Access will be permitted from St Peter's Road to St Peter's Footpath.

There is no alternative route.

**DURBAN ROAD, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Durban Road, Margate, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via Addiscombe Road and College Road.

**MONKTON STREET, MONKTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide a new wastewater connection, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Monkton Street, Monkton, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of No.121 (near Monkton Primary School).

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Willetts Hill and Collets Hill.

The alternative route is via Willetts Hill, A299 Canterbury Road West, Tothill Street and Monkton Road

**ST PETER'S ROAD, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide a new waste water connection, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on St Peter's Road, Broadstairs, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Upton Road.

The alternative route is via St Peter's Road, Green Lane, A255 Broadstairs Road and St Peter's Road.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (ALLENS LANE, PLAXTOL) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)**

**TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Allens Lane, from the junction of Brook Lane for approximately 150m on or after Thursday 14th July 2011 when required for a period of up to 1 day or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Brook Lane, Long Mill Lane, The Hurst, Old Soar Road, Allens Lane.

BT Openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused but it is necessary for work to be carried out to overhead cabling. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Louise Skull on 08700 500792.

HIGHWAYS - Boroughs of Tonbridge & Malling and District of Sevenoaks

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

**(EGGPIE LANE, HILDENBOROUGH, SCABHARBOUR ROAD, LEIGH, BAILEYS HILL ROAD, CHIDDINGSTONE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)**

**TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on Monday 25th July 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

Schedule

<b>Road Name:</b>	Eggpie Lane, Hildenborough
<b>Extent:</b>	75 metres south of Durhams Farm
<b>Dates:</b>	Start: 25th July 2011 End: 7th August 2011
<b>Diversion:</b>	Scabharbour Road, Philpots Lane
<b>Road Name:</b>	Scabharbour Road, Leigh
<b>Extent:</b>	150 metres south of Gaza Trading Estate
<b>Dates:</b>	Start: 8th August 2011 End: 19th August 2011
<b>Diversion:</b>	Eggpie Lane, Philpots Lane, Scabharbour Road, HGV'S Philpots Lane, Watts Cross Road, B245 London Road, Morley's Road, Scabharbour Road
<b>Road Name:</b>	Baileys Hill Road, Chiddingstone
<b>Extent:</b>	50 metres south of Sharps Cottage
<b>Dates:</b>	Start: 9th August 2011 End: 11th August 2011
<b>Diversion:</b>	Bowzell Green, Bowzells Lane, Bowzell Road, Hale Oak Road, B2027 Penshurst Road, Bore Place Road

Spiecapag UK Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused that these essential works that are necessary to install a steel oil pipeline. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Tom Worley on 01295 220330.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

**(B2169 FURNACE LANE, TUNBRIDGE WELLS) (50 MPH SPEED LIMIT)**

**ORDER 2011**

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under section 84 (3), (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act.

The effect of the proposed Order will introduce a 30

mph speed limit on the following roads or lengths of road:

B2169 Furnace Lane from a point 65 metres east of the East Sussex/Kent boundary at Win Bridge to a point 18 metres west of Bull Lane

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Town Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening hours.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send your grounds for your observations in writing to the Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager, Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD by 12 noon on 1 August 2011

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PENSURST ROAD, SPELDHURST) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)**

**TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Penshurst Road from the junction of Northfields to Milford House on or after Monday 25th July 2011 for a period of up to 4 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Penshurst Road, Poundsbridge Lane, B2176 Penshurst Road, Barden Road, Northfields.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for gas mains replacement. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact John Adsley on 07774 983419.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (SHEFFIELD ROAD, SOUTHBOROUGH) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)**

**TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Sheffield Road between Draper Street and Castle Street on or after Monday 25th July 2011 when required for a period of up to 4 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Draper Street, Pennington Road, Castle Street.

UK Power Networks Ltd and Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for electrical maintenance works and a new gas supply. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact for UKPN is Scott Davis on 01732 783986 and SGN is Amy Colvin on 01689 881315.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (WAGON LANE, LEVEL CROSSING, PADDOCK WOOD) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)**

**TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Wagon Lane at the level crossing on or after Saturday 30th July 2011 for a period of up to 2 nights between 23.00hrs and 04.00hrs or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Wagon Lane, Queen Street, Lucks Lane, B2160 Maidstone Road, Wagon Lane.

Network Rail apologise for any inconvenience caused, which is necessary for examination of the rails, lifting, repairing and packing the rails, maintenance of crossing surface and signage. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Emma Osborne on 07791 179882.

For further information, please contact  
Kent Highway Services,  
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)  
or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)



## HIGHWAYS

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(VARIOUS ROADS, SPELDHURST)  
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2011  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 6 July 2011, the Kent County Council made an Order under Sections 1, 2, 4 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to prohibit vehicles from waiting at any time in any of the lengths of roads specified in the Schedule to this Order.

Exemptions are provided in the Order for disabled badge holders, to enable a vehicle to wait with police permission, for passengers to board or alight, for the loading and unloading of goods, for enabling work to be carried out in or adjacent to the road and for emergency service vehicles.

A copy of the Order, which comes into operation on 6th July 2011, and other relevant documents may be inspected during normal office hours at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, The Gateway, Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells and Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XQ.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act or any instrument made under it have not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may, within six weeks of publication of this notice, apply to the High Court for this purpose.

**The Schedule**

**No waiting at any time**

**Barden Road, Speldhurst** - Both sides - from a point 15 metres north west of its junction with Northfields to a point 15 metres south-east of that junction.

**Barden Road, Speldhurst** - West side - from its junction with Furze Field Avenue to a point 35 metres north of that junction

**Furze Field Avenue, Speldhurst** - North-east side - from its junction with Barden Road to a point 20 metres north west of that junction

**Langton Road, Speldhurst** - East side - from its junction with Penshurst Road to a point 46 metres south of that junction

**Langton Road, Speldhurst** - West side - from its junction with Penshurst Road to a point 74 metres south of that junction

**Northfields, Speldhurst** - Both sides - from its junction with Barden Road to a point 18 metres south-west of that junction

**Northfields, Speldhurst** - Both sides - from a point 12 metres north-east of its junction with St Mary's Lane to a point 12 metres south-west of that junction

**Northfields, Speldhurst** - Both sides - from its junction with Penshurst Road to a point 14 metres north-east of that junction

**Northfields, Speldhurst** - South-east side - from a point 11 metres north-east of its junction with Northfields south eastern spur to a point 11 metres south-west of that junction

**Northfields (south Eastern Spur), Speldhurst** - Both sides - from its junction with Northfields to a point 7 metres south-east of that junction

**Penshurst Road, Speldhurst** - North-east side - from a point 28 metres north-west of its junction with Northfields to a point 16 metres south-east of that junction

**Penshurst Road, Speldhurst** - South side - from a point 20 metres west of its junction with Langton Road to a point 20 metres east of that junction

**Penshurst Road, Speldhurst** - South-west side - from a point 23 metres north-west of its junction with Northfields to a point 28 metres south-east of that junction

**Southfields, Speldhurst** - East side - from its junction with Penshurst Road to a point 18 metres south-west of that junction

**Southfields, Speldhurst** - West side - from its junction with Penshurst Road to a point 8 metres south-west of that junction

**St Mary's Lane, Speldhurst** - Both sides - from a point 5 metres north-west of its junction with Northfields to a point 5 metres south-east of that junction

**Katherine Kerswell  
Group Managing Director  
Invicta House  
County Hall,  
Maidstone  
Kent ME14 1XQ**

Dated 9th July 2011

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## PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

**PROW - Borough of Sevenoaks**

**NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO  
TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH SR3A  
IN THE PARISH OF SHOREHAM**

(Public Footpath SR3A)

(Prohibition of Traffic) Temporary Order 2011

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Section 14(1), As Amended By The Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991

**Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath SR3A, between Well Hill Lane and the stile at the junction with Public Footpath SR3B (NGR TQ 500 635) to the north of Westwood Farm from the 1st July 2011.**

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months.

If circumstances allow, it may be open sooner.

The path is to be closed because of excavations and earth moving operations on the route and there is a likelihood of danger to the public.

There is no alternative route.

**For detailed enquiries please contact**

**Mrs Nicky Biddall Tel: (01732) 872829 (ext 2)**

**PROW - Borough of Borough of Swale**

**NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO  
TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR259  
IN THE PARISH OF LYNSTED WITH KINGSDOWN**

(Public Footpath ZR259 in the Parish of Lynsted with Kingsdown)

(Prohibition Of Traffic) Temporary Order 2011

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Section 14(1), As Amended By The Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991

**Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath ZR259 between NGR TQ 946 619, the rear of Batteries Close and NGR TQ 947 622, approximately 300 metres south of the A2 from the 1st July 2011.**

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 1st October 2011.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is approximately 20 metres to the east running parallel to the original line of the path and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

**For detailed enquiries please contact:**

**Michael Ellis**

**Tel: (01303) 814534 ext 209**

**PROW - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling**

**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDERS  
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

**i) (PUBLIC FOOTPATH MR24, BURHAM) PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

**ii) (PUBLIC FOOTPATH MR52 (PARTS), BURHAM) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

On 29 June 2011 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Orders under sections 118 and 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

*The above notice(s) may be provided in other formats*

The effect of the Orders as confirmed is to:-

- i) extinguish the entire width of that length of Public Footpath MR24 which commences at its junction with Public Bridleways MR24 and MR599 at NGR TQ 7447 6203 (point A) and passes for 98 metres in a north north westerly direction to its connection with Common Road at NGR TQ 7443 6212 (point B).
- ii) a) divert the entire width of that length of Public Footpath MR52 which commences at its junction with Public Footpath MR23 at NGR TQ 7406 6225 (point A) and passes for 466 metres in an east south easterly through south easterly direction to its connection with Public Bridleways MR24 and MR599 at NGR TQ 7447 6203 (point B).
- b) divert the entire width of that length of Public Footpath MR52 which commences at its junction with Public Bridleways MR24 and MR599 at NGR TQ 7447 6203 (point D) and passes for 28 metres in a south easterly direction to its connection with the unaffected length of Public Footpath MR52 at NGR TQ 7449 6201 (point E).
- and to provide:-
- ii) a) a new length of Public Footpath MR52 which commences at the aforementioned point A (NGR TQ 7406 6225) and passes for 440 metres in a south easterly through east south easterly direction to its connection with Public Bridleway MR599 at NGR TQ 7446 6208 (Point C). The new length of path will have a width of 2.0 metres.
- b) A new length of Public Footpath MR52 which commences at the aforementioned point E at NGR TQ 7449 6201 and runs in a northerly direction for 20 metres to its connection with Public Bridleway MR599 at NGR TQ 7449 6203 (point F). The new length of path will have a width of 1.7 metres.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

Copies of the Orders as confirmed and the Order Maps have been placed and may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ or at the Countryside Access Service at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. Copies of the Orders and Maps may be purchased there.

The Extinguishment Order came into force on 29 June 2011 and the Diversion Order comes into force on 27 July 2011, but if a person aggrieved by the Orders wants to question the validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act which has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may under Paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by Paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the 10 July 2011, make an application to the High Court.

**Countryside Access Service  
Kent County Council  
Invicta House  
County Hall  
Maidstone  
Kent  
ME14 1XX**

Dated: 10th July 2011

For further information, please contact  
Kent Countryside Access Service,  
on 0845 345 0210 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm)  
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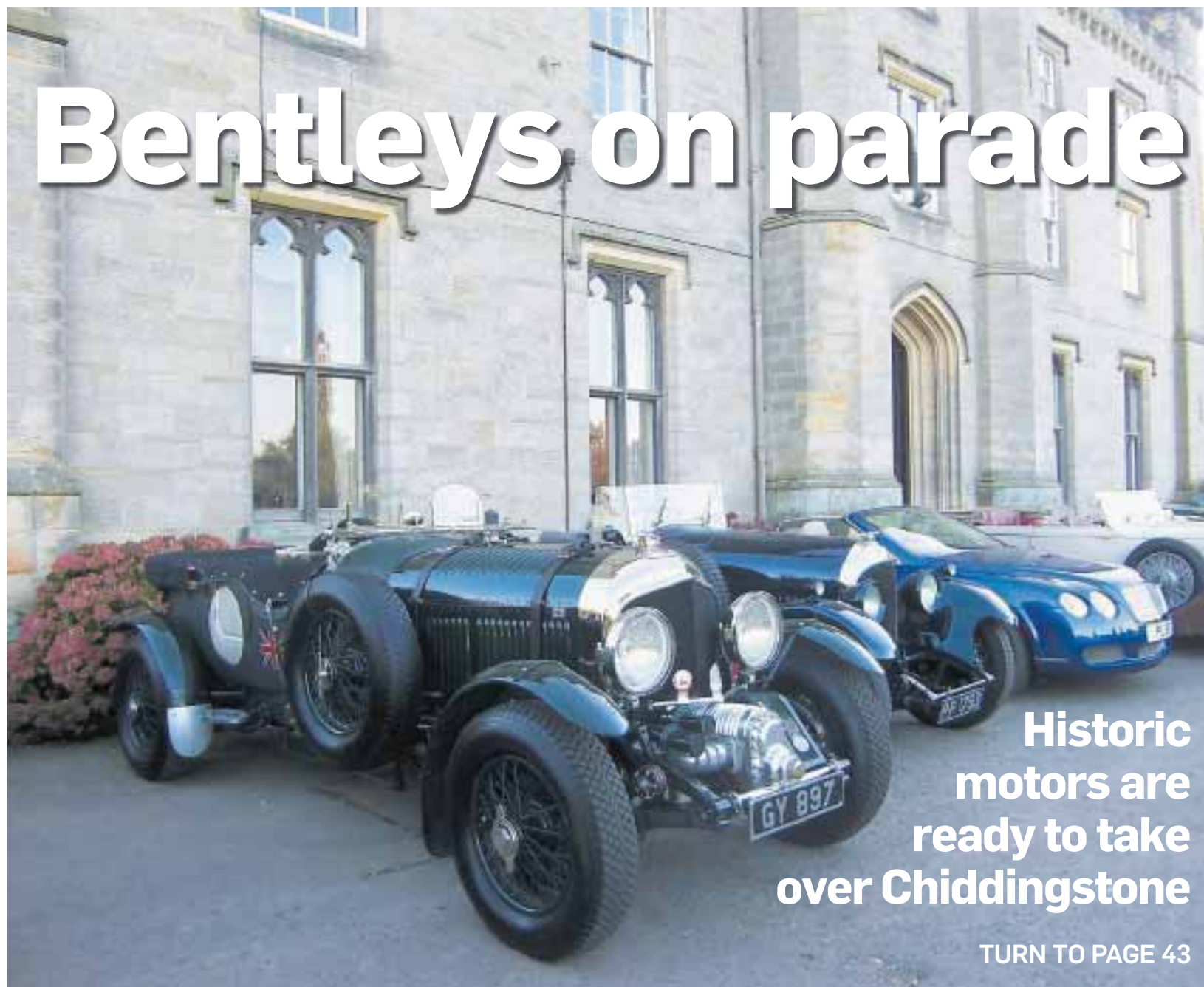
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**CAROLINE** size 16, seeks kind, honest, loving gent, 45 plus for LTR. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371099

**LOVELY** Folkestone lady, 57, 5ft 11ins, medium build, N/S, seeks caring, considerate male for walks by the sea and pubs. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371067

**AFRICAN** female, likes cooking, level seeks male for fun and friendship. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386712

**DONNA** 47, bubbly, caring, loving, seeks genuine, loving guy. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370863

**VERY** good looking Turkish female looking to meet male 29-45 for fun friendship. Looks/race/status unimportant. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370183

**ACTIVE** solvent female with GSOH looking to start life again but this time be a lot more adventurous, care to join me? Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370181

**CONFIDENT** fun female bored of spending time alone, looking for fun man to share lots of laughs and good times. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370177

**JACKIE** petite attractive, brown hair/eyes, many interests, OHAC, looking for sincere male who also likes good food and wine. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370123

**COUNTRY** loving lass seeks country fellow for pleasant weekends down on the farm. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370121

**WELL** grounded 25yr old attractive female, seeks similar male up to 40yrs for mutual friendship and meets. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370117

**BEAUTIFUL** stunning young lady, 21, seeks older, retired good 70 plus to take care of her. London. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368187

**JACKIE** 46, 5ft 3ins, medium build, likes animals, nights in/out, walks, seeks male, 48-58 for friendship, maybe more, preferably a smoker. Maidstone. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368039

**LISTEN** up! Attractive female, W/LTM late into music, films, sport and theatre. London. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367971

**CONFIDENT** blue eye brunette, intelligent, cultured and attractive, very solvent, looking for happy older male who will let me look after him. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368401

**30YR** old beautiful blonde with lovely green eyes looking for uncomplicated love and romance with a tall dark haired man. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368003

**ATTRACTIVE** slim 52yr old female, seeks N/S companion, 52-60 to share country-side, walking, swimming, days out, holidays etc. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369179

**34YR** old single mum of 2, size 16, caring, cuddly, seeks genuine, loving male with GSOH. Ashford. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368268

**FED** up with lonely nights in! 33yr old brunette with green eyes W/LTM someone 35-50yrs for TLC maybe more. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368913

**BEAUTIFUL** blue eyed blonde, 26, slim, looking for evenings out with male. ACA. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368911

**22YR** old leggy blonde, seeking likeminded man for lots of fun times. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368909

**LADY** 56, semi disabled, size 18, seeking a caring, loving, honest gent, 50 plus. Kent. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365453

**48YR** old female, 5ft 3ins, medium build, likes animals, nights in/out, holidays, coast, seeks male, 48-50, preferably a smoker for LTR. Maidstone. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365955

**LYNNE** slim, scatty blonde, mid 50's, looking for some fun and company. Margate. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368927

**SOCIAL** cuddly 70's lady, GSOH, N/S, likes cinema, days out, coast, seeks genuine male for friendship. Ashford. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369223

**TUNING** blonde nurse, 32, funny and romantic, W/LTM uncomplicated, reliable male, 50-65yrs for companionship and more. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369221

**JACQUELINE** 48, medium build, likes nights in/out, seeks male, 40-58 for friendship, maybe more. Maidstone. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370747

**ACTIVE** slim female 30yrs, easygoing, honest with GSOH and a passion for life looking for genuine man to fall for, 28-50yrs. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370087

**BEAUTIFUL** size 10 figured female, brown haired, big brown eyes 41yrs looking for relaxed relationship with man, 20-38yrs. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370091

**ATTRACTIVE** slim professional 35yrs seeking similar lonely professional for drinks/meals out and mutual friendship out of hours. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370005

**PAT** 70's, 5ft, cuddly, seeks male for friendship and days out. Ashford. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369521

**WANTED**, Nice sincere man, 45-55 looking for LTR with kind, sincere female, dark hair, 5ft 8ins, likes winning/dining, pubs. Welling. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369417

**ISABELLE** lovely lady, genuine, honest, loving, caring, 68, N/S, non drinker, slightly disabled, W/LTM male for love, companionship, maybe more. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347305

**26YR** old social pretty blonde with baby blue eyes, seeks outgoing, fun, spontaneous male for friendship/more. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369219

**AFFECTIONATE** female seeks warm hearted kind, if he exists, for good conversation, fun times and laughs. 40-57yrs Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368197

**SHY** brunette 22, perfect size 10, blue eyes, 5ft 2ins, own car, seeks male to cosy up with. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368193

**BETH** young minded widow, 65, 5ft 5ins, happy, size 14, N/S, many interests, seeks sincere, honest gent for friendship who might admit to some aching bones. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344291

**CARING** young 62 petite blonde, seeks someone to share doing things with, theatre, dancing and perhaps nights in. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369761

**57YR** old lady, works, divorced, likes beach, meals out, theatre, travel, weekends away, seeks white male, 56-61 for GSOH for LTR. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369685

**YOUNG** 54yr old female, slim, 5ft 8ins, seeks tall, honest, caring guy for friendship/relationship. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362669

**SALLY** petite, confident lady, happy go lucky, likes dancing, walks, TV, seeks male/soul mate for friendship, maybe more. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362665

**30YR** old brunette fit, feminine, attractive, free cinema and looking for love with similar fun loving guy. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365075

**36YR** old female looking for mutual companionship with understanding man stuck in a similar rut. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364531

**64YR** old female, 5ft 2ins, GSOH, likes golf, seeks male with GSOH for friendship, days out, maybe more. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339581

**WARM** well educated 60's female, seeks similar gent to enjoy the simple things of life for fun times. Hackney. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365861

**ELIZABETH** loving, kind, caring, seeks older gent, 78 plus for fun times. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366603

**VERY** cute, slim, black professional female, 36, looking for love! If you are honest, passionate, caring and spontaneous, ring me. Any race. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366725

**GREEN** eyed blonde in need of love and attention seeks youthful, trendy experienced guy to enjoy good times. Any age/status. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366723

**ATTRACTIVE** young hearted female, fed up with being alone, so if you feel the same, give me a call, lets get together. ACA. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366721

**TALL** blue eyed 30's female, brown hair, lots of interests, seeks male for good times. Any age/looks/status. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366705

**ATTRACTIVE** lady, seeks kind, solvent male for romance and possibly love. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366159

**LYNNE** slim, scatty blonde, mid 50's, looking for some fun and company. Margate. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366428

**CARING** female, 64, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5ft 4ins, medium build, seeks male, 60-70 for friendship, maybe more. Kent. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365993

**SUSIE** 5ft 7ins, blonde, seeks educated attractive male for loving relationship. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385476

**34YR** old blonde new to the area, seeking younger guy for fun times maybe more. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365079

**FUN** loving curly red head 32yrs, loves good food/wine, W/LTM male who appreciates a real woman and knows what he's looking for. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365077

**ACADEMIC** man sought by female, recent graduate, into art, history, psychology, likes actual activities as well as London art galleries and walks. Birrley. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365501

**ATTRACTIVE** confident, lady, 37, independent, HIV Positive, seeks male for companionship, maybe more. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363415

**FUN** female 35yrs looking to let her hair down seeks easygoing N/S guy for a relationship, 30-65. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368001

**SINGLE** confident black female 32yrs, very attractive, loves doing fun and interesting things, seeking a real man. Any race/age. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367999

**ATTRACTIVE** and any man's dream seeks, outgoing, professional male for evenings in and fun nights out. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366703

**CUTE** very curly young girl, 18, W/LTM romantic guy for lots of fun and loving. Looks/status unimportant. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366699

**MAIDSTONE** lady, pretty, petite, late 50's, honest, caring, N/S, loves life and most things, seeks nice guy for friendship/relationship. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366501

**BARBARA** 46, seeks nice, steady male up to 50 for friendship, maybe more. Heathrow. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361701

**ELIZABETH** caring, honest, reliable, likes most things, seeks older, late 70's for friendship, maybe more. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365959

**SLIM** attractive, elegant female, likes travel, restaurants, cinema, seeks caring, male, 45-55 for friendship, possible relationship. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361571

**SALLY** independent, intelligent, confident, caring female, seeking a similar soul mate. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361575

**INDEPENDENT** 52yr old slim, N/S female, likes country walks, swimming, animals, meals/days out, seeks N/S similar aged male for friendship/companionship. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366999

**PETITE** brunette, blue eyes witty and fun, looking for similar kind, laid back male to sweep her off her feet. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368407

**MISS** Gorgeous, 5ft 8ins, black beauty, curvy, likes a laugh, happy go lucky, seeks male for fun times. Hackney. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365861

**SINGLE** 50 plus female, seeks male who likes talks, walks, dining and dancing. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364975

**FEMALE** 25, professional, likes nights out, socialising, seeks male. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369091

**A** rare diamond, bright, sparkly and good quality, let me put the sparkle back into your life. Wanted professional, attractive male, 38-58, medium build, 5ft 8ins. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361005

**LADY** slim, brunette, N/S, likes music, National Trust, theatre, days out, seeks sincere, honest gent, 48-60 for friendship, maybe more. Kent/Sussex. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360633

**42YR** old female, likes music, dancing, writing, astrology, cats, seeks male with GSOH and similar age. Medway. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351577

**48YR** old female, average build, good looking, likes most things, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363321

**FUN** outgoing lady, seeks spontaneous male, 37-60, adventurous, professional, attractive. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363331

**PETTY** woman, slim, black, widow, 39, energetic, seeks white, solvent male for LTR. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360695

**52YR** old female, likes walks, animals, theatre, cinema, seeks male for companionship/LTR. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360695

**LATE** 20's female seeking older male. Call to hear exactly what I'm like and looking for. I can meet anywhere in London at any time. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359895

**TALL** slim brunette, just 21yrs seeks interesting older male who knows what's what, show me the ways of the world. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365969

**SOUTH** London Lady, full figure with long hair, curves in all the right places. W/LTM male of any age for fun, friendship and more. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365989

**HAZEL** blonde, 62, pretty, cuddly, N/S, non drinker, seeks genuine, attractive male, 55-65 for fun and friendship. Ramsgate. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366319

**LORRAINE** seeks trustworthy white male with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363793

**DONNA** 35, single mum of 3, seeks male with GSOH, 35-40. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365044

**5FT** 2ins female, brown hair blue eyes, home down to earth, seeks male for LTR. Kent. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366525

**BLONDE** earned female, trendy, 46, GSOH, likes cats, pubs, night, seeks male for LTR. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364852

**JANE** 27, caring, bubbly, likes nights out, cinema, bowling, DVDs, seeks male for fun and friendship. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363203

**LOOKING** for my soul mate, 57, lonely, caring, affectionate, likes a drink in good company, 5ft 1ins, hazel eyes, seeks someone to share life with. Is that you? Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385172

**LADY** 50, sn/out, enjoys nights in/out, cinema, travel, country walks, seeks sincere, genuine male for friendship, maybe more. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367851

**ATTRACTIVE** mature, outgoing Caribbean female, seeks interesting companion for socialising, good conversation and glass of wine. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367799

**YOUNG** 60 something female looking for friendship only with likeminded ladies for meals out, nights out and holidays. Feltham. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367625

**PETITE** brunette, blue eyes witty and fun, looking for similar kind, laid back male to sweep her off her feet. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368407

**YOUNG** very fit brunette 23yrs, likes to look good, seeks similar sporty guy for some relaxed fun. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368405

**PETITE** female, slim, attractive, blonde hair, green eyes, GSOH, romantic, likes sports, nights out, meals, seeks honest, genuine, N/S male. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364613

**FEMALE** 27, seeks older gent, 65 plus to take care of me. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362220

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**FEMININE** lady who knows how to treat her man seeks strong minded male to care for, any area London/Surrey/Kent. Tel: No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359895

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## THE INTERVIEW

# Comedy career kicks off for Maff

From footballer to funnyman, the Stag's resident comedian talks variety with **Joe Bill**

**P**ROFESSIONAL football and stand-up comedy are two subjects that would rarely be uttered in the same sentence, let alone be managed into the same career path.

But the Stag Theatre's resident funnyman Maff Brown has been able to fit both into his rise towards the summit of comedy.

The 37-year-old is responsible for creating the award-winning Outside The Box Comedy Club, which features monthly shows at the Fighting Cocks club in Kingston, Surrey, as well as the Stag in Sevenoaks.

Having started his new comedy night in 2005, Brown could never have envisaged what was about to happen: "I started a gig up in Kingston about five years ago, only a little tiny gig, about 60 seats in a room above a pub. It just became quite cult, very quickly, known for big names coming to try their new stuff out."

Just three months into the club launch, Brown was handed a prestigious Chortle Award for Best Comedy Club and the Outside The Box brand went from strength to strength.

"Frank Skinner came and did 10 weeks in a row and it all just snowballed. It was a feast of comedians trying stuff out.

"Jack Dee came two weeks ago, Andy Parsons last night, and Robin Williams came down as well – the American movie guy, not the singer. He was doing stuff for Prince Charles and wanted to try stuff on us first. It was amazing."

The Outside The Box gig has since branched out to the Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks after a request from a fan to play there. The show was an instant hit and has now become a mainstay at the venue, with Brown hosting monthly gigs.

He said: "It worked really well. A lot of big names are coming down now and it is brilliant because it challenges me to come up with new material every month, which is good because comedians in general are lazy ba\*\*\*\*s."

But 10 years ago, life was very different for the Staines resident as a career in professional football was well under way.

Stints as a player for professional clubs Brentford and Hamilton Academical were



cut short by injury, but that wasn't the end of the story. Having completed his education, Brown was picked up as a technical analyst by Liverpool and became part of manager Gérard Houllier's backroom staff.

"I worked alongside coaches as a technical analyst," said Brown. "I would analyse the footage and see if we could restructure our game plans. I would then back it up with stats and videos and present it to the staff. If necessary, we would show it to the players."

Brown also had a stint at Bolton Wanderers before taking a management position with a premier league team in Singapore.

"I got sacked, as every football manager does, and I just decided that I'd had enough."

With his brand starting to grow further, Brown has been producing one-off shows in different venues and his reputation has soared. He has now had to hand over the running of his dates to his girlfriend.

He said: "The ethos when you start comedy is that it's very difficult to get stage time, so I just thought I would start my own club and get as much as I like. Within a year I was working full-time as a comedian, and other things come from owning a club. I write for BBC's Mock The Week and we have just wrapped Shooting Stars."

He has recently supported Jack Dee on tour, with a further stint on the cards: "That is always fun because it is bigger rooms and unknown crowds, so you have to win them over."

The Stag was also the scene for the recording of Brown's first DVD.

"There are a few bits in the pipeline. You just have to get your face seen and your profile raised. Your name gets in the credits and all of a sudden things open up for you."

But Brown does not forget his sporty roots and is considering doing a show about his life in football for the Edinburgh Festival. So now possession of the mic is as important as keeping possession of the ball was all those years ago.

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## TALKING POINT

## World Heritage Sites

**A**S THE home of the Royal Navy for well over 400 years, it comes as no surprise that Chatham Dockyard and the surrounding area is on the verge of earning World Heritage Site status.

From the Spanish Armada in the 16th century to the Falklands crisis of the early 1980s, ships built, repaired and manned from Medway's port secured Britain's command of the oceans for generations and earned the town global admiration.

But while becoming a World Heritage Site would place Chatham in the same category as such world-famous landmarks as Stonehenge, the Great Barrier Reef and the Statue of Liberty, there is still a long way to go before the town's residents and businesses will be able to crack open the champagne and celebrate.

And as Medway Council leader Rodney Chambers explains, the process has been delayed even further due to problems with the other hopefuls that make up the Government's 'tentative list' of possible submissions to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco).

"All the applicants were asked to prepare a case for our respective areas for submission next year," he said. "But it would appear that out of all 11, only the Chatham bid is ready to go."

"I've heard from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport that there's now going to be a delay to allow the other aspirants to catch up, which I think is a little unfair on us here in Chatham. Personally I believe that if only one bid is ready then only one should be put forward to Unesco."

"They're now asking that the applications be ready by the latter part of next year rather than the latter part of this year, but everyone has had the same amount of time to get ready so why should they be given an extension?"

"I'm not confident that a submission will be made on behalf of the UK this year, and I can't see one being made until 2013."

A World Heritage Site is a place listed by Unesco as being of special cultural or physical significance, such as the Taj Mahal, Yellowstone National Park and the Pyramids of Giza.

While each World Heritage Site remains part of the legal territory of the state wherein the site is located, UNESCO considers it in the interest of the international community to preserve each site.

The Chatham Dockyard application – which also includes Fort Amherst, Gun Wharf, Upnor Castle, the Great Lines, Brompton Village, the Royal School of Military Engineering and the River Medway – has been in the works since 2007.

Cllr Chambers said: "Medway Council, the Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust and a number of other organisations submitted our bid because of the significant part this area has played in the life and defence of our country over many hundreds of years, bearing in mind this was the home of the Royal Navy for well over four centuries."

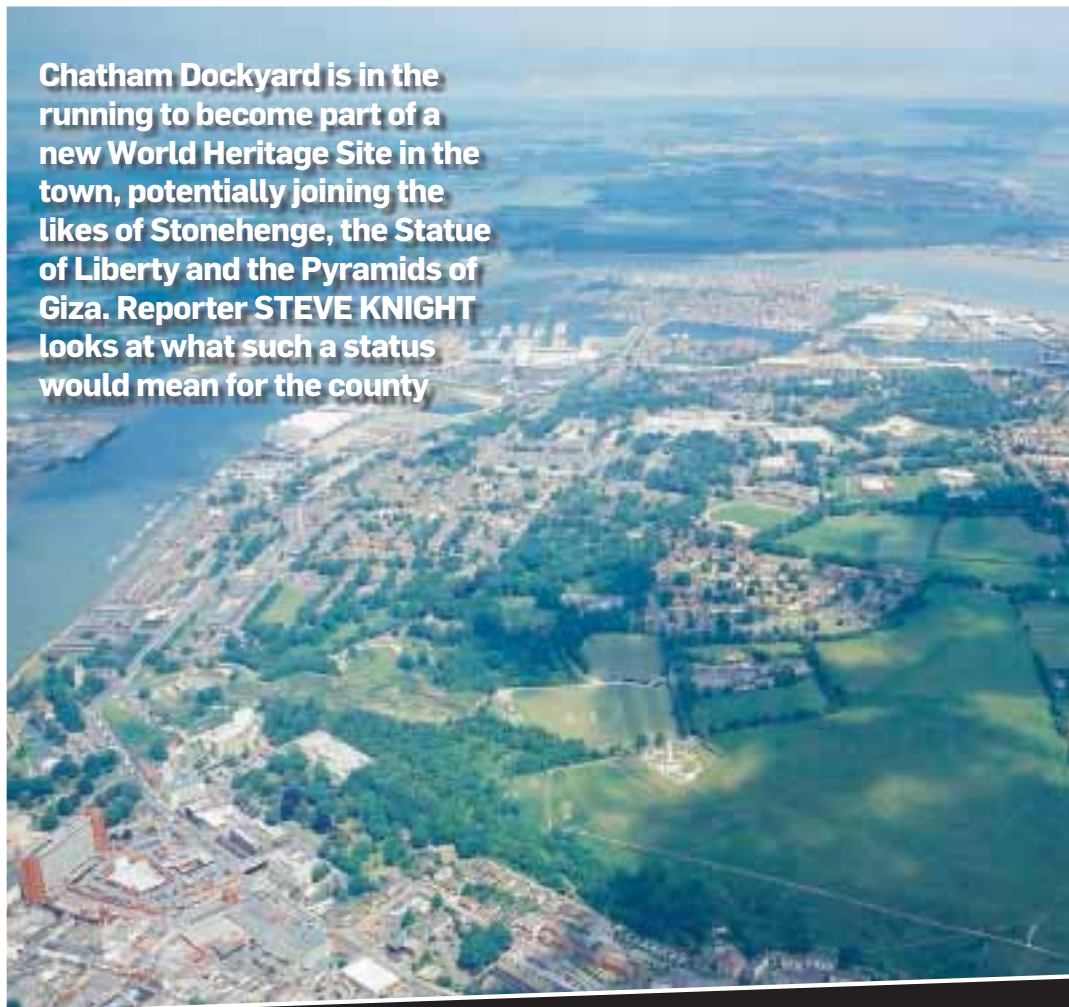
"You're always going to receive a tourism boost from being a World Heritage Site but it also helps in getting international recognition, which would help us in attracting extra investment into Medway."

There are currently only 28 World Heritage Sites in the UK and just one in Kent, that being the joint WHS of Canterbury Cathedral, St Augustine's Abbey and St Martin's Church.

The Canterbury site was one of the earliest to receive the status in 1988, meaning town planners have had to adhere to strict planning and maintenance guidelines for more than 20 years.

City conservation manager David Kincaid said: "Back in 1988 I don't think the council

**Chatham Dockyard is in the running to become part of a new World Heritage Site in the town, potentially joining the likes of Stonehenge, the Statue of Liberty and the Pyramids of Giza. Reporter STEVE KNIGHT looks at what such a status would mean for the county**



**HIGH HOPES:** An aerial view of the proposed new World Heritage Site at Chatham, including the historic dockyard, Fort Amherst, Gun Wharf, Upnor Castle, the Great Lines, Brompton Village, the Royal School of Military Engineering and the River Medway

# HERITAGE PUTS KENT IN GLOBAL SPOTLIGHT

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**Kent has been disputed over, fought in and invaded over the years, so history runs deep here and it would be great to have three World Heritage Sites to reflect that**

DAVID KINCAID, CANTERBURY CONSERVATION MANAGER

had to do an awful lot to get the site nominated, but since then the amount of work people have to put in to justify their applications is massive and the stakes have risen.

"Now we have to pay much more attention to what the local authority does in how it might affect the appearance of the World Heritage Site, such as the views coming into and out of the city."

"What Unesco also likes all sites to have is a management plan laying out what actions will be taken to ensure they are restored, protected and so on. The plans run for 10 years before you have to draw up another, and there are periodic reviews."

"They can also de-designate a site if they believe a development is going on that could affect the reasons for it being made a WHS in the first place. For example, the Dresden Elbe Valley in Germany was stripped of its status after a new bridge was built through it."

In addition to the Chatham application, another Kent location – Charles Darwin's former home at Down House, Bromley – is also in the running for World Heritage Site status.

Outside of London only Devon has more than one WHS, so for Kent to have three would

clearly put the Garden of England on the world map as a place of history and culture.

Mr Kincaid said: "It would be pretty remarkable to have three in Kent. It just shows that in terms of world heritage Kent has always been an important gateway, and it's the county with the most listed buildings and scheduled monuments in the country."

"It's been disputed over, fought in and invaded a lot over the years, so history runs deep here and it would be great to have three WHS to reflect that. All three have their own unique qualities and are very different places, but the key thing is they all provide outstanding universal value."

For Cllr Chambers and the rest of the people behind the Chatham World Heritage Site bid, it will be an anxious few months and maybe even years before they receive the news they have all been waiting for. But when the day eventually comes, he agrees it will be a good thing for Kent and Medway.

"You have to look at the history of the county and how its people have played a significant part in the life of the country," he said. "If Kent does eventually have three World Heritage Sites then I think it will be richly deserved."

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## KENT REMEMBERED



**THE FEW:** Warplanes were a common sight in the Kent skies during one of the war's crucial periods

# Memorial for Spitfire pilot is finally unveiled

By Jenna Pudelek

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WHAT began as a boyhood fascination with the heroic fighter pilots of the Battle of Britain has turned into a life-long hobby for Malcolm Pettit.

Now 65, he grew up in Hildenborough in the aftermath of World War Two, and the story of a Spitfire pilot who crashed in the grounds of the town's Half Moon pub in 1940, had become folklore.

In 1972, Mr Pettit gained permission to dig up the engine of the plane from the site.

Since then, he has wanted a permanent memorial to the pilot, John Romney Mather, of 66 Squadron Gravesend, at the Half Moon. He has also spent some 40 years collecting memorabilia including parts of planes and uniforms from the Battle of Britain, creating a museum in tribute to The Few at his Tonbridge home.

Finally, on Armed Forces Day on June 26, Mr Pettit's desire to see a permanent reminder of the tragic incident became a reality with a memorial display unveiled to the fanfare of a Spitfire fly-pass.

Describing the excavation of the engine, he said: "It was every schoolboy's dream. I was born just after the war and it was very much alive in everyone's memory.

"I feel what those young men did, fighting for their country and getting killed is often forgotten now.

"I thought if 'I don't do it now it's never going to get done'.



**LOOKOUT:** Spotters scanned the skies for German planes

"I wanted a memorial plaque in the Half Moon as a record of what happened."

Mr Pettit, a carpenter, said he "dabbled" in painting with oil and water colours and a work he did of the Spitfire crash now hangs in the pub as part of the memorial.

"As young lads we were in awe of what had taken place in the night skies during the Battle of Britain," he said.

"The heroics and bravery of the Air Force pilots flying for their lives and fighting for their country – it was very much a part of life when we went to school, all by friends were aware of what was going on in 1940."

The events of the Battle of Britain are well-documented, but what is less clear is how Officer Mather, aged 24, from Blackheath in south east London, came to crash land in Hildenborough on October 27, 1940 at 8.30am.

Mr Pettit said after decades of research and hearsay, he is now 95 per cent certain that the Spitfire was shot out of the skies by a German plane.

"For many years there were two stories," he said.

"I spoke to an old gentleman who was a milkman at the time and he said he definitely heard a battle, he heard gunfire.

"He said he saw two Spitfires break the cloud, one going down vertically and the other flying around.

"Some people said he had a problem with oxygen failure.

"But now we've got 95 per cent evidence from German archives that he was shot down.

"Although the German pilot recorded it as a Hurricane, they look similar, and it was at the right time and the right day.

"There was an incident over Tonbridge which it says involved a Hurricane. But I'm 95 per cent sure it was the Hildenborough Spitfire. It is too much of a coincidence to be anything else.

"The sad thing is that the battle damage of the wreckage was not recorded. My mum and dad were getting up at 8.30am and they heard the rattle of gunfire.

"Sadly all these people are no longer around now. It's tragic it took so long to do this [the memorial] because people had tremendous memories as it was such a small village.

"Houses were damaged with cracks. The plane actually went through a hen house because when I found the engine it was full of white chicken feathers."

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#### On the menu...

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#### How to book...

The Swan 75 Sea Road, Westgate-on-Sea CT8 8QG  
01843 831401  
www.theswanatwestgate.co.uk

### Mulberry Tree Boughton Monchelsea

#### Why here...

Travel down narrow sandy lanes and into the heart of The Weald to find this country restaurant, which enjoys two AA rosettes. A sunny terrace and garden offers alfresco dining with a view.

#### On the menu...

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#### How to book...

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01622 749082/741058  
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#### How to book...

London Beach Country Hotel, Ashford Road, Tenterden TN30 6HX  
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# Best city experience: it's official

## Lounge On The Farm Music festival

**Merton Farm, Canterbury**

Friday to Sunday, July 8-10, [www.loungeonthe farm.co.uk](http://www.loungeonthe farm.co.uk)

HIGHLY-rated music festival Lounge On The Farm has won the Best Experience gong at Canterbury's Culture Awards. The Merton Farm event's organiser Sean Baker was delighted after it was announced at an awards ceremony that Lounge 2010 had beaten both Eurofair and the Canterbury Festival to the Best Experience title. He said: "We had an inkling that we might win it as the guys putting on the awards ceremony kept telling us we must come to the do. "But it was still a really nice surprise and timed well, with this year's event just a couple of weeks away. "We know and get on well with a lot of the guys who organise

the Canterbury Festival, so it was especially nice to win." The festival, which is held on a working farm just outside the city, started up in 2006. Since then, the show has continued to grow, with bigger attendances and bigger-named stars performing. This year mega bands like The Streets, The Vaccines, Example, Cornershop and Echo & The Bunnymen will perform for the crowds, with new attractions like the Cowshed Dance Arena offering BBC Radio One DJ Annie Mac.

### READY TO ENTERTAIN:

Cornershop, left, and Example are among the many great acts lined up to play at this year's Lounge On The Farm



## New event

### Cider, beer and good food

**Brogdale Apple Collection, Faversham**

Sat and Sun, September 24-25  
[www.brogdalecollections.co.uk](http://www.brogdalecollections.co.uk)

A NEW festival is being held at Brogdale this year... the Great British Cider, Beer And Food Festival.

It is now looking for suppliers to come along and showcase

food and drink from around the UK. Sally Roger, marketing manager at Brogdale, home of the National Fruit Collections, said: "Our traditional cider festival is very popular in September and also has a number of food-producers attending, so we have decided this year to broaden the festival to give equal prominence to cider, beer and food and give local producers the chance to showcase the great food and drink which is on offer here in Kent. "The cider bar will be larger than in previous years and we

are hoping to have more than 100 different ciders to taste or take home." Also available will be orchard tours, miniature railway rides, cookery demonstrations and gardening talks. Saturday's music will come from local bands The Fecks, Engine and Clutch & Gearbox, and on Sunday from Adrian Ben And The Chillbillies. Anyone interested in having a stall can contact Brogdale at [enquiries@brogdalecollections.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@brogdalecollections.co.uk) or phone 01795 536250. Stalls cost £55 for a marquee space, with 10 per cent discount if you bring your own gazebo.



## Man of the folk

### Chris Wood at church venue

**St Mary's Church, Ashford**

Friday July 22, 7pm  
[www.revelationstmarys.co.uk](http://www.revelationstmarys.co.uk)

FOLK man Chris Wood will be playing in Ashford's new arts venue St Mary's Church this month.

Wood started out as a choirboy and much of his music bears the influence of those years spent with the music of Bach, Handel, Gibbons and Boyce. He is self-taught on guitar and violin and his song-writing has been praised for its clarity. He has worked with such artists as Billy Bragg and Martin and Eliza Carthy. He also founded The English Acoustic Collective, a group of musicians, photographers, writers and choreographers who look to England's indigenous arts for their inspiration.

His first solo album, The Lark Descending, was released in 2006 to wide acclaim. The title stands Vaughan Williams's English icon on its head and Wood's songs make no apology for celebrating what he has called the 'unofficial' history of the English people. He will be joined by Luke Jackson.

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## Flipping good Revamped skate park

**Ryan Clements Skate Park,  
Stour Centre, Ashford**  
www.ashford.gov.uk  
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ASHFORD skate park has reopened after an £82,000 makeover. The Ryan Clements Skate Park, next to the Stour Centre, has doubled in size, with 10 new pieces of equipment and cutting-edge designs not seen anywhere else in the UK. The site, maintained by Ashford Borough Council, features new steel jump boxes, grind rails, quarter pipes and bespoke street furniture, making it Kent's biggest free skate park. Gravity Engineering Ltd ensured the new designs were up to scratch. The company's Jake Hipwell said: "This equipment has been designed and built specifically for Ashford skate park – these are cutting-edge designs in steel that you will not see anywhere else."



## Zoolympics Challenge for wildlife title

**Drusillas Park, Alfriston**  
Tuesday, July 26  
01233 874100  
www.drusillas.co.uk

OLYMPIC fever will hit Drusillas Park as the Zoolympics Challenge Day separates the chimps from the champs. The Zoolympics Trail is a permanent attraction at Drusillas, designed to allow participants to test their skills against the talents of the animal kingdom. However, on this day visitors will also have the opportunity to compete against each other. Between 10am and 5pm, children aged 12 and under will be invited to take part in five of the zoo's 11 challenges. Events will include How Long Can You Hang On?, How Fast Can You Run? and How Long Can You Jump?. At the end of the day the final results will be displayed in the picnic area and the winners in each age category will receive a prize to reward their efforts.

## Splashing out Boating pool transformed

**Royal Esplanade, Ramsgate**  
Open 8am until late every day  
01843 581999  
www.theboatingpool.co.uk

THE boating pool in Ramsgate has had a wonderful transformation this year. After their profile-raising reality TV show starring Dragons' Den entrepreneur Duncan Bannatyne, the brother-and-

sister duo of Thalís and Katy have been busy working to keep the leisure site moving with the times. This family-based attraction in Ramsgate boasts stunning views, free parking, free entry to the children's outdoor play area and a mini-bikes track, as well as an arcade, ice-cream stand and fully licensed restaurant and events room. With the addition of top chef Thor Davidson to the team, the restaurant menu has had a stylish revamp, offering both traditional and contemporary dishes. This summer season is in

full stride, with this year's big event coming up later this month. The Mini V music festival, which runs on Saturday and Sunday, July 30-31, will offer live music, good food, craft stalls and a children's fair. There will be further entertainment with the walk-on-water balls and a mouthwatering hog roast. Entry to Mini V is free and it promises to be even better than last year's festival. For more information on visiting the boating pool, you can visit [www.theboatingpool.co.uk](http://www.theboatingpool.co.uk).



## Vintage cars Bentleys go on display

**Chiddingstone Castle**  
Sunday, July 10  
Adults £7 - Children £4  
[chiddingstonecastle.org.uk](http://chiddingstonecastle.org.uk)

MOTORING fans can head to Chiddingstone Castle for a unique car display of restored vintage and classic Bentleys. The line-up will include a range of models from 1926 to a brand new Flying Spur. Visitors are invited to admire the rare collection of cars before joining the owners for a summer picnic in the lovely grounds of the castle, which has a choice of perfect spots by the lake, the waterfalls or in the shade of the orangery or woodland. Visitors can bring their own food or choose from the delicious delights available from the castle's tea room, from light lunches to homemade cakes and cream teas. After exploring the grounds, visitors can discover the secrets inside the castle and the fascinating collections of Denys Eyre Bower. These include the unique Japanese collection, which transports you back to the days of warriors and sword-fighting, as well as the ancient Egyptian collection, inspired by the country's pyramids.

## Medieval days Do some graft at the castle

**Bodiam Castle**  
Saturday and Sunday, July 16-17  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)  
adults £6.10, children £3.05

MEDIEVAL hands will make light work at Bodiam Castle as families find out what it was like to work inside a castle. A variety of activities will take place each day, providing a fascinating insight into life in medieval Britain. Hand-spinning and weaving will be on show, with characters from the household in authentic costumes. There will also be brass rubbings from a selection of traditional patterns and designs. Mick the Mail will reveal the fascinating skills and techniques behind the creation of chainmail armour used to protect medieval soldiers



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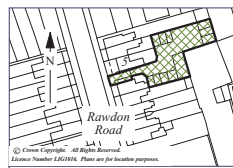
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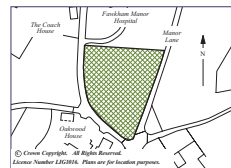
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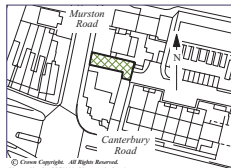
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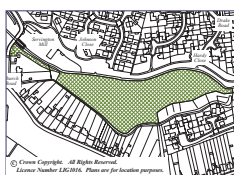
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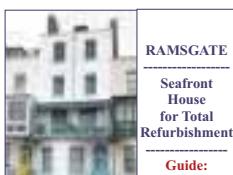
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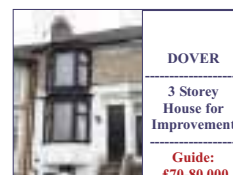
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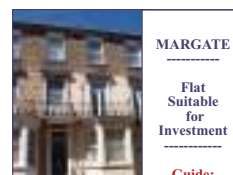
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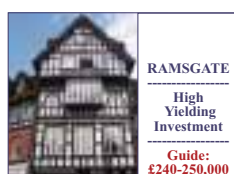
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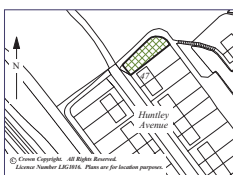
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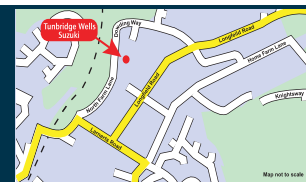
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# Lancer engages the driver

By Sam Davison

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MITSUBISHI'S Lancer has become something of a 'world car' for the Japanese marque since the first model appeared in 1973.

Early on in the UK it was known as the Colt Lancer, before Mitsubishi decided to market its cars under its real name.

Now into its ninth generation, the Lancer has been seen in many guises around the world, often wearing the badges of different brands, especially on the US market, where it has been seen as a Plymouth, Dodge and Chrysler at various times.

It enjoys world fame, too, as the donor car for Mitsubishi's awesomely-powerful Evo series of road-going rally cars, where modest engines are fettle to almost ridiculous outputs to propel an all-wheel-drive chassis that can work wonders in the hands of even ordinary drivers.

But most Lancers are driven by ordinary drivers tempted by ordinary prices and, in the case of the current model, striking looks.

The latest Lancer pioneered the so-called Jet Fighter nose that has become the corporate face for Mitsubishi cars.

But, as usual, value underpins the Lancer offer and the current magnet is the Juro model tested here in 2.0-litre diesel front-wheel-drive five-door Sportback format.

It's a popular choice because it comes with a powerful yet economical diesel, has hatchback versatility and the Juro is a long-running special edition laden with kit, including a Kenwood integrated sat-nav with reversing camera, leather seats and trimming for the steering wheel and gear knob, iPod and Bluetooth phone connection, smart 16-inch five-spoke alloys, air-con, cruise control, front fogs, steering-wheel controls for the sound system and more.

Such generosity goes a long way to disguise the fact that the Lancer, for all its sharp styling,

## MITSUBISHI LANCER 2.0 JURO SPORTBACK : £16,300 FACT FILE



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**DRIVER'S CAR:** The Mitsubishi Lancer Juro Sportback, with striking jet-fighter grille, is good value for money and comes laden with kit

is far from cutting edge to drive, despite its association with the meat-eating Evo.

The Lancer still hangs on to corners well, with little body roll, but the mainstream versions are set up more for comfort and a light hand on the wheel.

That's good news for the family-market target, though, which will find it hard to source such a roomy and comfortable car at this sort of price and specification, and with Mitsubishi's reputation for reliability.

And while priced to undercut most mainstream family hatchbacks, the Lancer is actually a bit bigger all-round, like its most obvious rival, the Skoda Octavia.

But don't dismiss it as a 'never mind the quality feel the width' proposition because the Lancer is worth more than that.

Those leather seats feel supportive and comfortable and there is decent room for three in the back, plus that big hatchback load space with a clever split-level feature, though some

might ditch that convenience in favour of the saloon version's smarter rear end, more in harmony with the Lancer's aggressive front.

Closer inspection of the interior trimming might also reveal that it does not quite live up to the quality of the Juro's leather seats, but the fixtures and fittings are durable enough.

And life inside the cabin is pretty well insulated from both engine and road.

The VW-sourced two-litre diesel engine is a boon: powerful (138bhp) yet economical, it pulls well from low down the rev range and delivers an average mpg in the mid-40s, helped by a light six-speed gearbox.

Prices for this engine start at £16,399 and with the model tested here, but there are 1.5- and 1.8-litre petrol alternatives.

However, these offer predictably poor fuel consumption and performance and very little upfront price benefits against the diesel plus Juro pairing – no wonder it has been a sales success for dealers.

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LAND Rover has given the Range Rover Sport more than a facelift for 2011 – it now has a more powerful yet more efficient turbodiesel engine.

There is also a revised 503bhp 5.0-litre supercharged V8 petrol unit offering 0-62mph in five seconds for those who want the 'Sport' label to mean what it says.

Then there are chassis changes: Active Damping and a full Brembo brake system to bring the burly Range Rover to a quick stop.

But the Sport has also had the cosmetic treatment to help tackle

some rivals that have come along lately. Instead of the chunky front grille, there is a more integrated nose, while front and rear light clusters now boast LED units in keeping with the current trend.

It all adds up to a more cohesive look that continues with a refined premium cabin: the dark plastic centre console has given way to a soft-touch, colour-coordinated central fascia; the leather seating is more upmarket; and the electronics now include five cameras for a 360-degree view to assist with parking.

Rear passengers benefit from a premium multimedia system, and all seats come with heating and cooling.

What hasn't changed is the lofty driving position that many previous owners have enjoyed having, combined with the car's known capability on- and off-road.

Of course, the beefy V8 will catch the headlines, but even its more modest thirst this time won't help it win out on the sales front: the TDV6 diesel (from £55,145) is going to be the winner there by far, with an average around 30mpg.



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Power comes from a 128bhp 1.7 CDTi diesel that also delivers lots of pulling power low down the rev range, using tweaks like lower-friction components and more accurate combustion control.

It also has a customised low-friction six-speed gearbox tuned to work with the new version of the engine, plus Vauxhall's first

version of an energy recovery system for the brakes.

The General Motors brand calls it an 'energy-recuperation system' and, like that seen on other marques, it stores the saved energy in the battery and allows the conventional charging system via the alternator to be offline for much of the time, thereby reducing the drain on the engine and fuel.

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## CRICKET ROUND-UP

## Tenterden eye double over league strugglers

**FAVOURITES:** Tenterden travel to Gore Court

TENTERDEN are looking to complete their first double of the season this weekend as they travel to Division One basement boys Gore Court.

Having beaten the Sittingbourne side by 69 runs on the opening day, Tenterden could move into the top-half of the table with a repeat performance at The Grove on Saturday.

Last weekend, skipper Andrew Crawford hit 58 as they chased down 215 to beat St Lawrence & Highland Court by five wickets.

In Division Two, Holmesdale face a crucial game against fellow strugglers HSBC. Just six points separate the bottom four clubs and the Sevenoaks side will move off the bottom of the table with victory on Saturday. They lost the reverse fixture by 44 runs in May.

For the first time this season, Cowdrey have been handed the task of bouncing back from defeat. The Tonbridge side host Chislehurst & West Kent on Saturday, seven days after losing by 29 runs at home to Bromley Town.

## BOWLING

## Bowling star arriving to unveil Angel carpet

ENGLAND captain Andy Thomson is visiting the Angel Indoor Bowls Club this weekend to unveil their new carpeted playing surface.

Thomson, a two-time world champion, will be at the Tonbridge club between 10am and 1pm on Saturday to help celebrate the investment.

After playing with one of the Angel members in a challenge pairs match against two of the club's juniors, he will take on the men's and ladies' club champions in singles games.

Thomson will also hold a question and answer session, starting at 11.45am.

## HOCKEY

## Local coach leads GB to hockey promotion

GREAT Britain will play in the top tier of international inline hockey next season after being led to promotion by Tunbridge Wells-based coach Andrew Sillitoe.

Team GB beat Hungary 3-2 to claim a place in the Division A Pool of the IIHF World Championship alongside world champions Czech Republic, USA, Canada and Germany.

Sillitoe said: "Our goal is to stay in the A Pool, as we will be playing against professional players. I wanted only the fittest, strongest, most committed and talented players on the team."

## TUNBRIDGE WELLS

## Larkin hoping new signings will bolster Wells for friendly games

**By Steve Tervet**

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TUNBRIDGE Wells return to action this weekend as they mark the start of their pre-season fixture programme with a trip to Kent Invicta League side Erith & Dartford Town.

Wells boss Martin Larkin will have almost a full squad available for the game at Chislehurst Sports & Country Club, with his first summer signings expected to play some part.

Although the newcomers have yet to rubber-stamp their moves by signing Kent League forms, Larkin said they were virtually certain to be a part of his plans at Culverden for the season ahead.

The Wells players returned from a long weekend in Magaluf on Monday night before heading back to training on Thursday.

While Erith & Dartford represent a largely unknown quantity on Saturday, Larkin is focusing solely on his side's attributes at this stage of pre-season, with match fitness a priority.

He said: "It should be a good test against one of the teams in step six, the new Kent Invicta League. It should be a pretty good game, we'll be a bit rusty but the result's not what we're looking for, it's all about minutes on the pitch and we'll have a look at a couple of the new lads."

"It's nice to build momen-

**OPENER:**

Tunbridge Wells kick-start their pre-season with a trip to face Erith & Dartford Town on Saturday

tum [by picking up results] but it's not something we're overly stressed about in the first week in July.

"They're a pretty new club and we're pretty established, but the result is not all-important, it's not something we'll be shouting and screaming about. We'll be going for the win, but we want to try out a couple of different systems of play."

"We'll have a squad of 18 on Saturday. A couple are away

at a wedding and on holiday. I want to get our 'season 18' nailed down as soon as possible."

"We managed to get two of the new lads on board for the Spain trip, so they're pretty much definite and barring a disaster, they'll be signing."

Saturday's game is the first of five friendlies the Wells will play before the new Kent League season gets under way on August 13.

They travel to Sussex County League side East Grinstead Town on July 16 before meeting local rivals Tonbridge Angels in a four-team tournament at Rusthall's Jockey Farm ground on July 23.

Larkin's side's first game at Culverden Stadium is against Merstham on July 30, with another Ryman Division One South club, Whyteleafe, providing the opposition on August 6.

## SEVENOAKS TOWN

## Down to business for Town as new boss looks to make his mark during pre-season

DARREN Anslow takes charge of Sevenoaks Town for the first time on Saturday knowing his side's attitude towards pre-season could have a big bearing on how they go into the new Kent League season.

The Town manager has promised not to make wholesale changes during Saturday's game against Bridon Ropes at Bishop Justus School in Bromley, as he looks to make final decisions on a number of the trialists who have trained with Sevenoaks so far this summer.

Anslow has signed 12 players since taking over from Keith Levett at Greatness Park and Town's first pre-season friendly will provide him with the clearest indication yet of which players are going to join this summer.

"I've got Saturday to have another look at some of the players," he said. "There's a couple

I'm sure of and I want to nail them down, and there are a couple I'm maybe not so sure of."

"I really don't want to take more than 16 players on Saturday, in terms of the way we approach the game. I understand what these games are for but I don't want 11 players in one half and 11 in the other. There might be a few players vying for the same position, so I might play one in the first-half and one in the second, but if I do that for 22 players, it means changing the whole XI."

"A lot of people say these games don't matter but I think they're the most important because you learn the most."

"It's about blowing the cobwebs away and getting everybody back into a routine. You can play as many training games as you like, but you need to get everybody back into that competitive mindset."

**FOCUS:** Sevenoaks start against Bridon Ropes

While many Kent clubs are waiting another week before starting pre-season, Anslow feels an early start will benefit his developing side.

He said: "We want to hit the ground running, we want to nail down the side and our style of play. You've got more chance of doing that if you start well."

Saturday's game kicks off at 11am.

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CRICKET



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**DERBY SPOILS:** Sevenoaks Vine (left) ran out comfortable winners against Tunbridge Wells (right) last week but are keeping their expectations in check

# Pearson staying grounded after Vine’s derby day win

**By Steve Tervet**  
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SEVENOAKS Vine captain Karl Pearson has played down his side’s title chances despite their thumping win over local rivals Tunbridge Wells on home soil last weekend.

Pearson’s side marched to a 132-run victory at The Vine, with John Bowden’s 123 laying the foundations for a formidable score of 284 for 8 by the home side.

The Wells have developed a penchant for chasing down big totals this season, but their form deserted them on Saturday. Sevenoaks bowled them out for 152 with more than 10 overs to spare, leaving themselves third in the Kent League Premier Division at the

halfway point of the campaign.

“It was probably our best performance, our most complete performance of the season,” Pearson enthused. “They’ve had a couple of good results and we were expecting a difficult game, but they didn’t really turn up and we gave them a bit of a pasting. We got off to a flyer, we were 70 for 0 after 10 overs and with Bowden getting a hundred, we always had somebody at the crease scoring quickly.

“We’re over the moon to be where we are. We expect ourselves to be more competitive in the second-half of the season so to have been competitive in the first-half has been a real bonus.

“We’re a young side, with myself and Bowden as the exceptions.

“The other boys are around 20 and they’ve got no experience of being up at the top of the league, so I think it’ll be tough for us. We have to take it one game at a time, just thinking about the next Saturday rather than having any lofty expectations.”

The Vine travel to second-placed Bromley for a hugely important game on Saturday, with only two points separating the sides as the Kent League Premier Division switches to win-lose cricket.

Meanwhile, the Wells have already gone some way to getting the derby defeat out of their system after edging out Ashted by 10 runs on Sunday to reach the last-16 of the National ECB Cup. Skipper Evert Bekker picked up 4 for 68 as the

Wells bowled the Surrey side out for 269, chasing 280 to progress.

He said: “We had a good chat after Saturday’s game, there were a few issues to address and it was really encouraging to see everyone step up on Sunday. As a team, everyone realised we didn’t really do ourselves justice and there was a contribution from everyone on Sunday.

“The club hasn’t got this far in the competition for 25 years so it’s something to be very proud of. The league is still the overriding priority, though, and we’re concerned about the fact we haven’t consistently played to our best.”

Tunbridge Wells return to The Nevill on Saturday for a league game against Bexley.

CRICKET

## Park taking control of promotion race

PROMOTION is drawing into view for Linden Park but the job is only half-done as the Tunbridge Wells side prepare to tackle a critical run of fixtures in Division Three of the Kent League.

Park, who have lost only one of nine games so far, hold a seven-point advantage at the top of the table, with a further 19-point cushion to third-placed Addington Village, who they host on Saturday.

With games against the rest of their promotion rivals to fol-

low in the next month, skipper John Harvey knows his side are very much in control of their own destiny.

“I’m pretty satisfied because we’ve beaten all the sides around us,” he said. “The next few weeks will decide where promotion is going because we’re playing all the teams at the top of the table. If we can win three of those four games, we’ll be red-hot favourites.

“It’s been a very good team effort, everyone’s done well on different days. When one of our

stars has failed, the bread-and-butter players have stepped up and done the business. The better players have pretty much taken it in turns to perform as and when required.

“Without doubt, this group has got what it takes to go and win the title. There won’t be any nerves this year; if we don’t win it, it’ll be because we weren’t good enough.”

Jayden Hoare has been Park’s stand-out performer so far, hitting 380 runs and picking up 17 wickets.



**KEY PLAYER:** Linden Park’s Jayden Hoare

## KENT CRICKET LEAGUE

### PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	WD	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Lordswood	9	5	0	9	11	117
Bromley	9	3	3	16	21	111
Sevenoaks Vine	9	4	1	9	10	109
Hartley Country Club	9	3	3	16	15	105
Bexley	9	3	2	16	17	103
Bickley Park	9	3	1	12	22	92
Blackheath	9	3	0	9	17	91
Tunbridge Wells	9	3	1	17	13	84
Sibton Park	9	2	0	11	13	64
The Mote	9	1	0	15	15	55

### DIVISION ONE

Canterbury	9	6	1	8	4	147
Beckenham	9	7	0	2	4	142
Sandwich Town	9	5	1	9	15	127
Whitstable	9	4	1	12	10	108
Folkestone	9	3	0	8	12	97
Tenterden	9	3	1	11	6	83
St Lawrence	9	2	0	16	12	80
Broadstairs	9	2	0	16	16	67
Ashted Town	9	1	0	12	18	59
Gore Court	9	1	0	12	20	56

### DIVISION TWO

Hythe	9	7	0	6	7	145
Orpington	9	5	1	7	5	133
Upchurch	9	5	1	12	8	110
Dartford	9	4	0	6	13	96
Harvel	9	3	2	14	12	94
Catford and Cyphers	9	3	0	14	17	87
HSBC	9	2	0	16	19	76
Hayes	9	2	1	14	18	75
Gravesend	9	2	0	14	12	70
Holmesdale	9	1	1	23	20	70

### DIVISION THREE

Linden Park	9	6	1	9	7	139
Bromley Common	9	6	1	7	7	132
Addington Village	9	5	1	12	11	113
Catford Wanderers	9	4	0	6	10	101
Old Colfeians	9	4	0	16	12	101
Old Wilsonsians	9	4	0	5	14	99
Old Elthamians	9	3	0	10	15	90
High Halstow	9	2	0	7	13	64
Sidcup	9	2	0	9	16	57
Minster (Sheppey)	9	1	1	12	13	47

### DIVISION FIVE

Cowdrey	9	6	1	5	8	139
Nonington	9	6	0	3	3	130
Bapchild	9	4	1	8	8	106
Blackheath 3rd XI	9	4	0	6	7	101
Bromley Town	9	3	1	7	18	96
Chislehurst & W.K.	9	4	0	12	5	90
Bickley Park 3rd XI	9	3	0	8	10	74
Offham	9	2	1	7	16	73
Wickham Park	9	2	0	6	10	60
Walmer	9	1	0	7	20	43

### FIXTURES

(All games start at 1.15pm unless otherwise stated)

- PREMIER DIVISION (NOON START):** Bromley v Sevenoaks Vine; Tunbridge Wells v Bexley
- DIVISION ONE:** Gore Court v Tenterden
- DIVISION TWO:** HSBC v Holmesdale
- DIVISION THREE:** Linden Park v Addington Village
- DIVISION FIVE:** Cowdrey v Bickley Park 3rds

CRICKET

## Regional League sides reach halfway stage

INCONSISTENCY continues to plague Tonbridge in the Kent Regional League as they bid to end a three-game winless run against Old Williamsons on Saturday.

Sitting third in Championship East, Tonbridge have won four and lost four of their nine games so far. Last weekend, they came unstuck at home to Leeds & Broomfield, beaten by 30 runs after being bowled out for 118.

Pembury are finding life tough in Championship West, where just three points separate them from basement club Southfleet.

Richard Bidder’s side do have four wins to their name, however, in a division where 14 points cover the bottom six clubs. On Saturday, Pembury entertain second-bottom Belvedere.

In Division 1B West, Wrotham (St George’s) look comfortable in mid-table although they have played a game more than most of the sides around them. Beaten at Sevenoaks 3rds last weekend, they host Bexleyheath this weekend.

TONBRIDGE ANGELS

# Boss all smiles as Angels land tasty opening fixtures

By Steve Tervet  
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TONBRIDGE Angels are digesting a blockbuster opening month to their first campaign in Conference South after the fixtures for the new season were released earlier this week.

After an opening-day trip to Maidenhead United, the first visitors to Longmead will be Tonbridge's bitter rivals, Sutton United, who pipped them to the Ryman Premier Division title last season.

The Angels then host Eastleigh, one of the division's few full-time sides, before hitting the road for much-anticipated Kent derbies at Welling United and Dover Athletic. A bumper Bank Holiday Monday crowd is then expected at Longmead on August 29, when promotion candidates Woking roll into town.

Tonbridge manager Tommy Warrilow could not hide his excitement at the opening salvo, particularly when big home crowds early in the season could help boost his playing budget.

"The first half-a-dozen fixtures have really put a big smile on my face," he said. "It's an exciting start, it's not easy, but I'm really looking forward to it, seeing if we can mix it in the deep end. Those first six games should give us an indication. We've got nothing to be afraid of this season because I'm more than convinced our lads can handle this level.

"We want the turnstiles ticking, so I hope we can put on a good show and not start as we have in previous seasons. We've got a bit of continuity by keeping the players from last year and I'm hoping that will help eliminate the poor start. If you're going to be tested, then reeling those names off, you couldn't ask for much more.

"Crowds are key to the budget. If we start well and gates are high, then I'll try to bring players in if they become available once the season starts. You normally find it's four to six weeks, minimum before boys get the hump at clubs they've signed for, if they're not getting what they agreed.

"If we start well and stay injury-free we won't need to go out and get players so it's a catch-22 situation. If somebody becomes available who



Picture: DAVE COULDRIDGE

**RIVALS:** Tonbridge Angels and Sutton United will clash at Longmead in the first week of the season

would push us up the league, I can't see why the board wouldn't back me."

A Boxing Day trip to Bromley is followed by the return fixture at Longmead on New Year's Day, with home games against Dartford (March 3) and Dover (April 7) to look forward to during the season's run-in. The Angels visit Boreham Wood on the final day of the season.

Tonbridge reported back for pre-season training on Saturday, with Warrilow upping the intensity of the session as part of his plan to hit the ground running when the season kicks-off.

He said: "They thought it might be easy but we changed it this year and gave them a good workout. Most years, we've been easing the boys back in, but we decided to spring it on them and push them a bit because we need to be fitter, stronger and more organised this season.

"Pre-season isn't about who comes first in the runs, it's pushing yourself individually. There will always be lads up the front who are as fit as anything, but it's about the ones who are not as fit closing the gap."

The Angels host Brentford next Saturday.

## TONBRIDGE ANGELS

Conference South 2011/12

### AUGUST

- |             |                         |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| Saturday 13 | v Maidenhead United (A) |
| Tuesday 16  | v Sutton United (H)     |
| Saturday 20 | v Eastleigh (H)         |
| Tuesday 23  | v Welling United (A)    |
| Saturday 27 | v Dover Athletic (A)    |
| Monday 29   | v Woking (H)            |

### SEPTEMBER

- |             |                       |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| Saturday 3  | v Farnborough (H)     |
| Saturday 10 | v Thurrock (A)        |
| Saturday 17 | v Salisbury City (H)  |
| Monday 19   | v Chelmsford City (A) |
| Saturday 24 | v Dartford (A)        |

### OCTOBER

- |             |                                  |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Saturday 8  | v Hampton & Richmond Borough (H) |
| Saturday 22 | v Basingstoke Town (H)           |
| Tuesday 25  | v Eastbourne Borough (A)         |
| Saturday 29 | v Sutton United (A)              |

### NOVEMBER

- |             |                    |
|-------------|--------------------|
| Saturday 5  | v Thurrock (H)     |
| Saturday 12 | v Staines Town (H) |
| Saturday 19 | v Truro City (A)   |

### DECEMBER

- |             |                              |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| Saturday 3  | v Welling United (H)         |
| Tuesday 6   | v Salisbury City (A)         |
| Saturday 17 | v Havant & Waterlooville (H) |

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| Monday 26 | v Bromley (A) |
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### JANUARY

- |             |                                  |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Sunday 1    | v Bromley (H)                    |
| Saturday 7  | v Hampton & Richmond Borough (A) |
| Saturday 14 | v Staines Town (A)               |
| Saturday 21 | v Eastbourne Borough (H)         |
| Saturday 28 | v Dorchester Town (A)            |

### FEBRUARY

- |             |                         |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| Saturday 4  | v Boreham Wood (H)      |
| Saturday 11 | v Eastleigh (A)         |
| Saturday 18 | v Weston-super-Mare (H) |
| Saturday 25 | v Farnborough (A)       |

### MARCH

- |             |                              |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| Saturday 3  | v Dartford (H)               |
| Tuesday 6   | v Basingstoke Town (A)       |
| Saturday 10 | v Maidenhead United (H)      |
| Saturday 17 | v Truro City (H)             |
| Saturday 24 | v Havant & Waterlooville (A) |

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|-------------|-----------------------|
| Saturday 31 | v Chelmsford City (H) |
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### APRIL

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|-------------|-------------------------|
| Saturday 7  | v Dover Athletic (H)    |
| Monday 9    | v Woking (A)            |
| Saturday 14 | v Weston-super-Mare (A) |
| Saturday 21 | v Dorchester Town (H)   |
| Saturday 28 | v Boreham Wood (A)      |

FOOTBALL

# Reserve side at Rusthall top of club's priority list, says incoming chairman

A SUMMER of transition at Rusthall Football Club continued last weekend when John Ronaldson was elected as the club's new chairman.

Ronaldson takes on the position having already held several different roles at Jockey Farm. He coached the club's mini and junior sides and until last season, was manager of the Rustics' first-team alongside Nick Coxon, now in sole charge of playing matters.

With a wealth of playing experience behind him, Ronaldson decided to step away from

the dugout and into the board room in time for next season, when Rusthall will play in the inaugural Kent Invicta League.

He was officially confirmed as chairman at Rusthall's Annual General Meeting on Saturday, with Dave Rusbridge elected to serve as his vice-chairman.

Ronaldson is eager to start work in his new role although, he admitted he had never envisaged such a job during a playing career which took in Gillingham, Tonbridge Angels, Tunbridge Wells and Seven-

oaks Town.

"I never had any aspiration to be chairman of a football club," he said. "My main interest has always been the playing side, but the opportunity arose, when Robbie Forbes [Rusthall's previous chairman] decided to step down.

"I've got contacts at bigger clubs in the area and a lot of people voted me in [as chairman], rather than me putting my name forward.

"It's got different challenges. I've spoken to a few people over the summer and I'm try-

ing to get a reserve side going so there are more players to pick from if we get injuries and suspensions.

"Nick [Coxon] will have the same problems I had unless there is a reserve side. We could get a reserve side playing next season, but they wouldn't be in the Kent League, they'd be in the Tonbridge League.

"Sometimes you need those contacts because Nick may struggle for players. I might see if we can sort out loan deals for some players."



**MAIN MAN:** Former boss John Ronaldson wants Rusthall to have a reserve side after taking over as chairman of the club last week

Picture: RUSTHALL FC



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## ATHLETICS

# Teen star not daunted by world's best

By Steve Tervet

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THE challenge of taking on the world's best young middle-distance runners may seem daunting from the outside, but Robbie Farnham-Rose insists he is going to enjoy his moment on the sport's big stage.

Farnham-Rose arrives at the World Youth Athletics Championships in Lille in the form of his life, but knowing he will have to up his game again to live with the effervescent talents from Kenya and Ethiopia.

Having shone for Tonbridge Athletic Club locally and nationally, the 17-year-old now has the chance to showcase his talents to a global audience. The competition may be fierce but he is confident about his chances in France, having run a 1500-metre personal best of 3.48.38 at the English under-20 championships in Bedford last month.

His season has been geared towards these championships for more than six months, when he decided to sit out some of the top cross-country events in an effort to channel his energies towards success on the track. Born in Maidstone and now living in Borough Green, Farnham-Rose feels he is now reaping the benefits of a temporary switch to 800m, designed to build up speed for his premier distance.

"It's exciting to be here, racing

against guys who have run sub-3.40," he said. "I'll try to enjoy the experience but I want to perform as well."

"After the cross-country, I saw I was old enough for this competition. I got the [qualifying] time for it early in the season, which was good to take the pressure off. I sat out the last few major [cross-country] races to help me prepare. I ran a PB the other week so I should have a good shot at it."

"I've been doing the 800m to help me build up my speed, to make the 1500 feel slow by comparison. I've run the seventh-fastest time of the guys here so I feel I should be able to make the final."

Should he make it through Thursday's heats, Farnham-Rose will run in the final on Sunday. The last Tonbridge athlete to compete at the championships was his training partner, Steven Fennell, who competed in Canada eight years ago.

Of the Tonbridge contingent who travelled to Gateshead for the English Schools Championships last weekend, there were four stand-out performances. George Duggan won the junior 1500m in 4.08.46 while Sean Molloy recorded a time of 1.52.85 on his way to victory in the intermediate 800m.

There were also impressive fourth-placed finishes for Dominic Molloy in the intermediate 1500m (4.06.37) and Henry Pearce, who ran the senior 3000m in 8.27.11.



Picture: TONBRIDGE ATHLETIC CLUB

**FORM:** Tonbridge's Robbie Farnham-Rose heads to the World Youth Championships on the back of a personal best in the 1500m

## MOTORSPORT

## Quaife-Hobbs eyeing leaders as GP3 heads to Silverstone

SILVERSTONE provides the setting for the latest leg of Adrian Quaife-Hobbs' GP3 season this weekend as the Tonbridge driver looks to build on his maiden win in the series two weeks ago.

Quaife-Hobbs, who ignited his title hopes with victory in Valencia, will be looking for a repeat performance in front of his home fans. The two GP3 races form part of the undercard to the main event at Silverstone, the British Grand Prix.

Having shaken off a sluggish start to the season, Quaife-Hobbs now has 11 championship points to his name. He sits seventh in the driver standings, 15 points adrift of leader Mitch Evans but with the series only at its halfway point this weekend.

Driving for Marussia Manor Racing, Quaife-Hobbs starts his weekend in Northamptonshire with two practice sessions on Friday, before GP3 qualifying takes place on Saturday morning.

The first GP3 race follows at 4.20pm on Saturday before the drivers return to the famous grid on Sunday for race two at 8.20am.

Quaife-Hobbs was on course for a podium finish at Silverstone last season before electrical failure forced him out five laps from the end.

**HOME:** Adrian Quaife-Hobbs

## MOTORSPORT

## Canada round to offer Conway chance to shine

THE IndyCar Series make the first of two stops in Canada this weekend with Mike Conway eager to get his season back on track with a strong showing at the Honda Indy Toronto.

Conway, 27, heads to the street circuit near Lake Ontario having slipped to 14th in the driver standings. His win at Long Beach is starting to feel fairly distant, although the Sevenoaks driver could make a significant upward move if he goes well in Toronto.

Two years ago, he qualified sixth for the race only to finish down in 22nd position. His horrific smash at the 2010 Indy 500 meant he did not feature at the event 12 months ago.

Conway's Andretti Autosport team-mates have also experienced mixed fortunes

**RARING TO GO:** Mike Conway

this season. Marco Andretti climbed to eighth after victory at Iowa last month, while Danica Patrick is three places and 17 points above Conway.

The drivers have two practice sessions at the circuit on Friday before qualifying on Saturday and lining up for the Honda Indy Toronto at 2.50pm local time on Sunday.

## TOURING CARS

WITH TIM HARVEY



Touring car legend Tim Harvey has teamed up with Archant KOS Media this season to bring you a weekly column as the class of 2011 do battle up and down the country. Harvey, who was brought up in Sevenoaks and schooled in Tonbridge, more recently raced in the Porsche Carrera Cup for Wrotham team Motorbase Performance. He shares his thoughts, as an ITV commentator, on the British Touring Car Championship, and discusses the series' big issues.

## 'Motorbase now among the elite'

CASTING an eye over the teams who have impressed the most so far this season, you have to say Motorbase Performance have become one of the powerhouse teams in the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC).

They're regular winners and at the moment Matt Jackson is the one challenging Matt Neal the closest for the drivers' championship, only nine points away. He's taken a car that was competitive with the benefit of a gas-powered engine and he's now consistently beating the newer Focus of the factory-backed Team Aon.

Motorbase have got a smaller budget than most and effectively, they've got all their eggs in one basket with Liam Griffin in his first year of the championship. They've only got Jackson to rely on so to have won three races and be challenging for the championship is very impressive.

It is tough for a team to come in and be successful like Motorbase have done. This is the fourth car they've run in the championship, they had the SEATs, the Honda for David Pinkney, the BMW and now the Ford.

They've paid their dues and they're very forward-thinking. When they thought the BMW had reached its sell-by date, they moved very quickly and they're now challenging established teams such as Triple Eight and West Surrey Racing.

What Motorbase have achieved shows it can be done by genuinely commercial-run teams. The team principal, David Bartrum, is doing it to make a living, he's not a multi-millionaire. He's not squandering his money on racing, it's a business, so it proves it can be done.

It's the mid-season break in the BTCC and the drivers will all deal differently with it. Those who are challenging for the championship, Jason Plato, Neal and Jackson will be thinking about it all the time, but the others are switching off.

They'll be thinking that if they can win a race, that'll be a great result, that'll be good for their season because they're not realistically in with a championship chance.

They'll probably relax a little bit more, whereas if you're challenging for the championship, you never switch off until the final race is finished.

We never had a long break like this when I was racing in the BTCC, but then we didn't have 30 races in the year. I would always prefer to keep racing every couple of weeks, to keep going, but this is the modern world.





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